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"I have never been more confident in our staff" -editor Val Bank

As this year's yearbook editor, I was excited to have the opportunity to make this year's yearbook the best it could be. Putting together a yearbook is hard work, but this year's staff pulled it off. In yearbook we work hard and play hard, but no matter how much procrastination there is we always get the job done. This yearbook has a more homemade, scrapbook theme that the staff felt was appropriate to express this year's events. We also switched to a chronologically ordered book this year. This format allows the book to record and present the school year more effectively. I have been on the yearbook staff for three years, and I have never been more confident in our theme and staff than I am this year.

I really enjoyed making this yearbook, and I know the staff did also. Yearbook is more than a class, we have the responsibility of helping the students, seniors especially, to remember their high school years. When alumni look back years down the road, we want them to look back fondly on this book and their senior year.

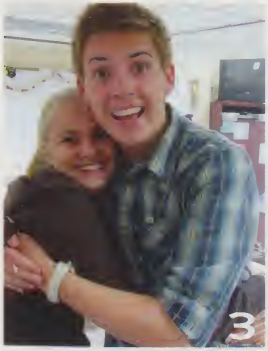
In closing, I want to thank the teachers and staff for making Lowell High School a great place to go to school. They have made the students' high school careers an enjoyable experience. We would not have the great education and self-esteem we do if not for the teachers.















1) The yearbook staff rests after a long day of selling ads during Homecoming Week. 2) Senior Josh King models a lovely purse while he sells ads with charm and grace. 3) Senior Austin Davis and sophomore Val Gasparovic are so happy to be a part of yearbook! 4) Seniors Kandice Ausdemore and Emilee McInnis have a little fun while taking a break from working. 5) Senior Evan Grublke munches happily on a cupcake while senior Nick Schultz tries to hide because he is camera-shy. 6) A tired but successful yearbook staff walks wearily back to the high school after a long day selling ads. 7) Seniors Kandice Ausdemore and Olivia Mucha proudly display their completed "spread" and homework.

Faculty

"You hear that Jerry? YOU'RE CREEPY!" -Mrs. Wendy Magley









Mrs. C. Ammons
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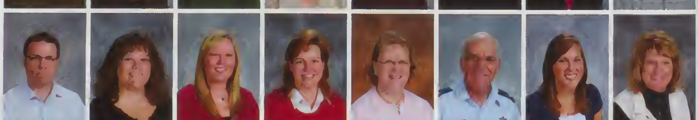
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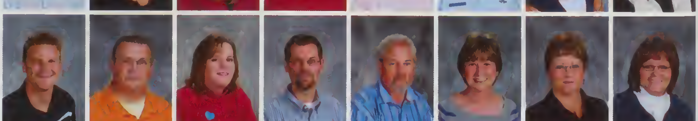
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Miss J. Edrington
Mrs. A. Ellis
Mrs. A. Fuhs
Mr. K. Garling



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Mrs. M. Gilmore
Miss K. Gramenz
Mrs. W. Green
Mrs. N. Greene
Mr. F. Grosick
Miss L. Hall
Mrs. D. Harber



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Mr. K. Hess
Mrs. C. Hickman
Mr. T. Higgins
Mr. G. Holdeman
Mrs. A. Holding
Ms. G. Hoots
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Mr. B. Ingram
Mr. C. Jones
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Mr. K. Kennedy
Mrs. M. Keown
Mr. A. Killion
Mrs. D. Kozma
Mrs. R. Leslie

Mrs. K. Maatman
Mr. M. Magley
Mrs. W. Magley
Mrs. G. Marinkovich
Mrs. B. Matthias
Miss P. McCormack
Mr. K. McQuiston
Mrs. S. McQuiston

Mrs. K. McRae
Mrs. K. Mikesell
Mrs. J. Mikulich
Mrs. K. Mize
Miss K. Nelson
Mrs. M. Opat
Mr. E. Orzechowic
Mrs. L. Pastuszak

Mr. M. Peterson
Ms. K. Propes
Mrs. M. Radoja
Mrs. D. Reese
Mr. A. Richie
Mrs. J. Rollins
Mr. L. Simon
Mrs. M. Skurka

Mrs. D. Smith
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Mr. B. Stewart
Mr. T. Sufana
Mr. J. Swanson
Mrs. B. Swinford
Ms. S. Thomas
Mr. S. Tucker

Mrs. K. Vanhoose
Mr. G. Veazey
Mrs. V. Wedding
Mr. P. Weiand
Mr. C. Werling
Mrs. R. Wielgos
Mr. P. Withered
Mrs. R. Witkowski



Mr. R. Wong
Mr. M. Yedinak
Mrs. L. Zea

We'll miss you!

Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston are an integral part of the Tri-Creek school corporation, and this year they are retiring. Mr. McQuiston acts as head of the guidance department, and has been teaching and guiding students in Lowell for 36 years. Mrs. McQuiston has been a revered science teacher here at LHS for 38 years!

When asked how LHS compares to other schools, Mr. McQuiston responded with a touching sentiment,"I have never wanted to work at any other schools."

After they retire, Mr. McQuiston says, "We are looking forward to a less structured schedule!" The couple are building a new house, and after they settle into it they intend on taking a trip to Italy to see a former exchange student.

We want to wish a long happy retirement to the McQuistons and thank them for their combined 74 years of service. Thank you so much for making Lowell High School a great place to be educated and enjoy retirement!



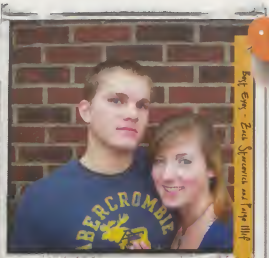
Most Likely to Star in Lowell Movie
Dane Stover and Nicole Sprecenicz





Best Laugh - Sam Gray and Travis Kuyper

Best Eyes - Erin Sprecenicz and Taryn Hoff





Cutest Couple
Tim O'Brien and Hannah Kuyper



Best Tryst - Hanna Boyle and Cody Murphy



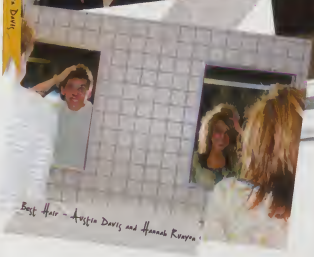
Best Dance - Hanna Kuyper and Angela Davis



Most Talkative
Lewis Christensen and Sam Gray



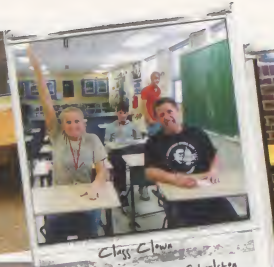
Most Flirtatious - Cody Murphy and Darcy Rabuck



Best Hair - Angela Davis and Hannah Kuyper



Class Clowns
Katie Utley and Drew Charlston



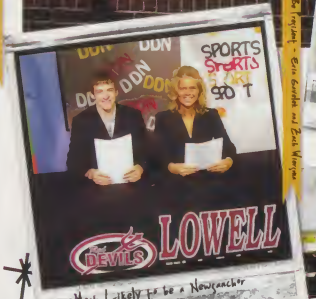
Best Stars
Hannah Runyon and Art Gregory



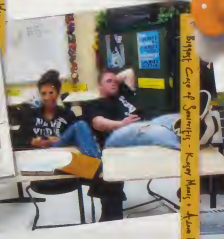
Most Likely to Become a Rockstar
Tim O'Brien and Olivia Marcia



Biggest Gamer
Josh Hafer and Liz Hall



Most Likely to be a Newscaster
Tom Munro and Diana Neff



Biggest Couple of Seniors
Kasey Mann + Adam McDavid





Most School Spirit
Diana Neff and PJ Lynch

Senior Royalties

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Cutest: Best Friends: Katelyn Gross and Avery Mikolich



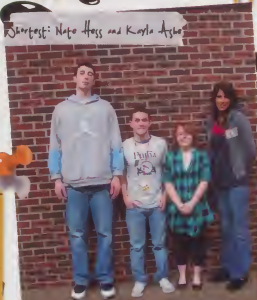
Most Athletic Girl: Mallory Frost



Most Athletic Boy: Kurt Maas



Best Smile: Kandice Arguenaro and Kyle Bopp's



Sweetest: Nate Hass and Kayla Ayala

Tallest: Kayla Maas and Kurt Gross

Most Likely to Succeed:



Erin Gavelek and Zach Wiersma



Least Change: Kelsey Fabijan and Brian Demers

Best Car: Brittanie Arnold





Worst Car: Heather Bafia



Most Artistic: Dave Weiand and Lea Opat



Life of the Party: Ashley Gruhlke and Cody Midgett

Most Likely to be an Actor or Actress: Austin Davis and Arielle Kresich





Most Likely to Succeed: Dylan Brown



Best Car: Cody Midgett



Best Dancer
Jordan Muscari and Amy Mihalich

Not Pictured

Loudest - Paul Crue and Lauren Carp

Most Changed - Josh Hofer and Hannah Bastin

Runners Up

Best Actress – Kelly Koza; Best Actor – Chris Chavez; Most Talkative – Kerri Clapp, Josh Manis; Worst Car – Diana Neff; Most Likely to Be a News Anchor – Tom Kozuch, Kelly Koza; Best Shoes – Austin Davis, Katie Sharkey; Most Likely to Become President – Valerie Bank, Danny Vensel; Most Likely to Become a Rockstar – Lea Opat, Joe Steffeck; Best Dressed – Mike Holloway, Brittanie Arnold; Best Car – Karrie Skinner, Keith Greer; Best Laugh – Chris Chavez, Jourdan Eastling; Best Smile – Bryan Desomer, Kelly Koza; Cutest Couple – Matt Berkos & Kimmy Partyka; Cutest Best Friends – Stefanie Simpson, Sam Gray; Best Personality – Chris Chavez, Chelsea Gross; Best Dancer – Stephanie Williams, Justin Juarez; Best Eyes – Sydney Nantais, Drew Charleston; Most School Spirit – Gretchen Barket, Trevor Kersey; Biggest Flirt – Derek Hammons, Erin Gavelek; Biggest Gamer – Ryan Hartoonian, Sarah Howard; Biggest Case of Senioritis – Megan Rodenbucher, Cody Midgett; Most Likely to Live in Lowell Forever – Kirsten Mikesell and Logan Wright; Most Artistic – Amanda Sautel, Rick Sheridan; Life of the Party – Ashlee Barton, Evan Gruhlke; Class Clown – Kasey Manis, Bob Black; Best Tattoo – Randy Witt, Annalise Garitano; Loudest – Sam Gray, Bobby Black; Quietest – Emilee McInnis, Mitch Gebert; Tallest – Shane Wood, Liz Traicoff; Shortest – Jake Dewees, Emily Green; Most Likely to Succeed – Nick Schultz, Katie Sharkey; Most Changed – Austin Davis, Liberty Prokopos; Least Changed – Cody Midgett, Kaitlyn Braun; Most Athletic – Dave Weiand, Erin Gavelek; Best Hair – Tim O'Brien, Diana Neff

Seniors



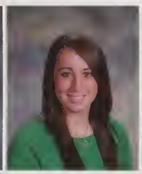
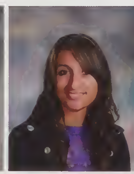


"There is no I in staff but there is in Marcia" - Val Bank

"If I were blind, I would want to live in China" - Bryan DeSomer

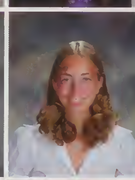
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Stephen Aitken
Katherine Allert
Alina Alonso
Cody Anderson




Deanna Arndt
Brittanie Arnold
Kayla Ashe
Kandice Ausdemore
Elliott Bafia




Heather Bafia
Nicholas Bahret
Brittany Bakken
Valerie Bank
Melissa Banter













Philip Banzen
Gretchen Barker
Jaclyn Barker
Geena Bartolini
Ashlee Barton



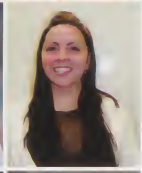




Ashley Bazik
Amber Bedell
Jacob Belt
Kelsey Bennett
Jenna Berkey







Matt Berkos
Briana Berwick
Robert Black
Justin Bolda
Alyshia Boord







Jessica Borkowski
Kyle Bottos
Kayleah Brady
Derek Brandenburg
Jesse Brassfield







Kaitlyn Braun
Russell Brayfield
Nicholas Bright
Derik Burgans
Kyle Busekros

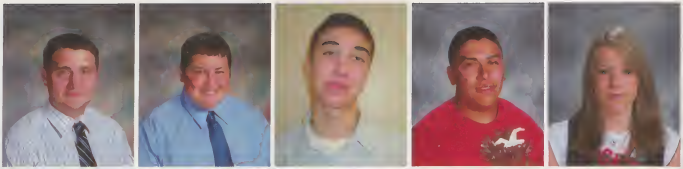






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Robert Campbell
Lauren Cap
Miriah Carroll
Gina Caschetta

Andrew Charleston
Christopher Chavez
Ethan Chilcott
Lewis Christensen
Cari Clapp



Brittany Clark
Kayla Cook
Jacob Cooper
Ryan Cotner
Britnei Cowan



Joseph Crisan
Zachary Crisp
Allyson Crossman
Paul Cruz
Carissa Culver



Jillian Cummins
Helen Dainton
Natsha Darcy
Rex Daugherty
Amanda Davila



Austin Davis
Brian Demario
Brendan Dempsey
Bryan DeSomer
Brandon Dewes



Ashley Deyoung
Sarah Drexler
Craig Dubord
David Eastling
Jourdan Eastling








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Melanie Ehresman
Andrew Eldred
Ashley Elieff
Elin Englund
Joshua Evers







Erika Feitz
Natalie Ford
Dustin Frampton
Jessica Francis
Caitlyn Fraser







Allan Frazier
Allison Friedrich
Danielle Gall
Joao Garcia
Annalise Garritano



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Erin Gavelek
Robert Gebert
Brenna Geist
Kelsey Gembala
Brandon Gensel

"I have to shave my beard or I'll look like my dad"- Logan Wright






"Rabbits are an egglaying mammal"- Chris Chavez

"Mr. Richie, something's up there!" - Dan Vengel



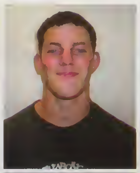
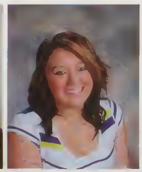
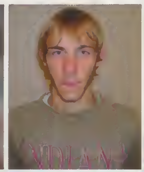




"We love our Seniors"

"I love my crazy friends" - Heather Bafia

Brandon Gifford
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Katrina Gorby


Kerstin Gottschalk
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Samantha Gray
Emily Green
Shannon Greenwald







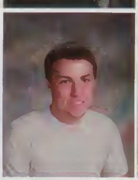
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Charley Gwinn







Drew Haberlin
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Kyle Harber









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Ryan Hartoonian
Jonathan Heabel
Patrick Hegyes
Brandon Heilman

Nicholas Henry
Julian Hernandez
Christopher Hernthaisong
Nathan Hess
Charlene Heuer

Joshua Hofer
Michael Holloway
Ashley Honeycutt
Drew Hudak
Paige Iliff-Bibeau

Vincent Inman
Michael Irvine
Abigail Jacobson
Melanie Jezior
Deron Johnson

Jacob Jones
Sherick Jones
Justin Juarez
Adam Kabella
Trevor Kersey

Joshua King
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Jasalin Lamar



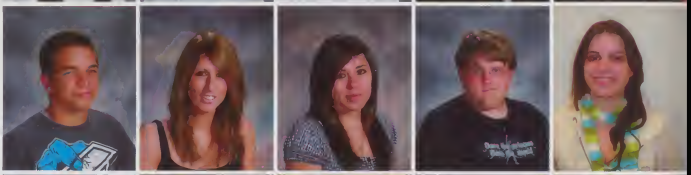
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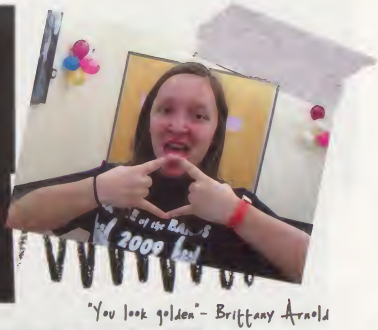


Tiffany McElroy
Emilee McInnis
Joseph McLellan
Cody Midgett
Amy Mihalich



"Locker buddies"- Kandice Ausdemore





"You look golden"- Brittany Arnold



Kirsten Mikesell
Ryne Milburn
Samantha Milby
Lauren Million
Lilly Mislan



Kurt Monix
Ashley Moore
Mary Moore
Taylor Moore
Thomas Moore

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Bryan Morgan
Olivia Mucha
Evan Munjas
Jordan Muscari
Christopher Musgrave



Derek Myers
Timothy Myers
Sydney Nantais
Diana Neff
Fredro Newhouser



Kylie Newhouser
Kaitlyn Newlin
Gerald Nichols
Timothy O'Brien
Lea Opat



Richard Osborn
Jordan Osburn
Kyle Osburn
Amanda Pagnusat
Lauren Parker



Nicholas Parker
Kimberly Partyka
Bradley Patmore
Kathleen Pauk
James Perrin



Mitchell Perrotta
Chelsea Petersen
Allen Peterson
Lauren Pflum
Matthew Ploski









Rodney Poole
Ashley Powers
Stephen Powers
Autumn Prasco
Mallory Pratt







Rebecca Pritchard
Liberty Prokopos
Vanessa Rainwater
Alexis Rangel
Steven Rankin







Robert Rieske
Crystal Rivera
Brittany Robinson
Megan Rodenbucher
Dezirey Rodriguez








Denise Rolniak
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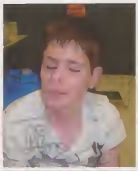





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Ryan Sanders

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Maxmillian Savage
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Matthew Schiessle
Emily Schrombeck




Emily Schultz
Nickolaus Schultz
Samantha Semrau
Marie Caroline Serre
Katherine Sharkey







Richard Sheridan
Chadwick Shope
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Lindsey Sisk


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Krista Smith
Scott Smith
Carl Sorensen



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Zachary Starcevich
Joseph Steffek
Beverly Stengel







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Brittney Stevens
Lisa Strohl
Adam Swart
Amanda Taylor













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Robert Wehle







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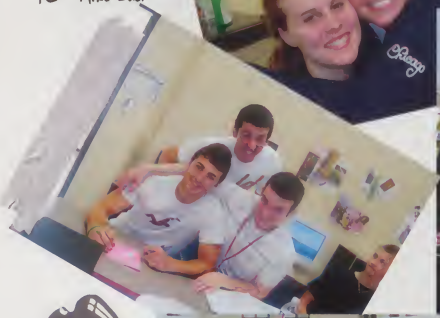
Juniors





"Kickin it back old school-keeping it rated PG"- Mike Baer





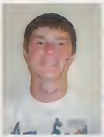




"We say funny things all the time!"- Natalie Lente









Devin Adams
Justin Adams
Sumaiyah Ahmad
Richard Alatore
Thomas Albright
Logan Allen
Beatriz Alvarado









Sarah Amazzalorso
Kristen Anderson
Melissa Arnold
Craig Austgen
Jacob Babusch
Michael Baer
Somer Bainbridge



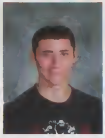






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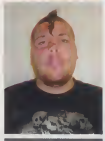








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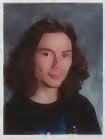

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Andriana Coleski
Amy Collins
Shaylan Conover

Mark Cooper
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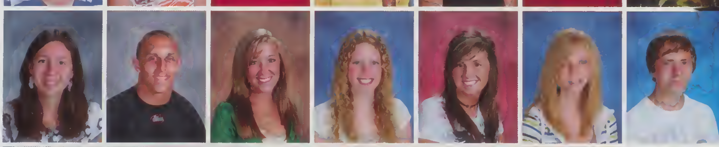
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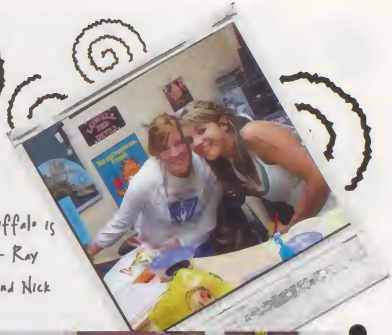
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"Water buffalo is America"- Ray Skamay and Nick Kieta



"I can only see what I'm looking at!"- Bill Morgan


















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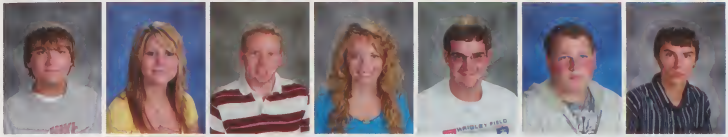




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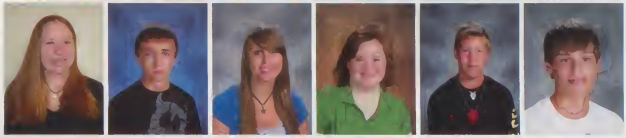


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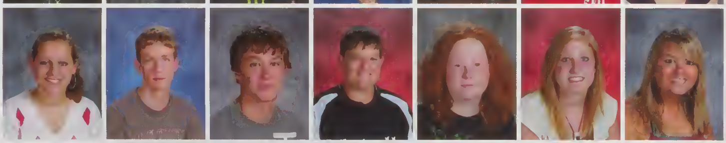
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"Home is where you make it"-Steven Garton











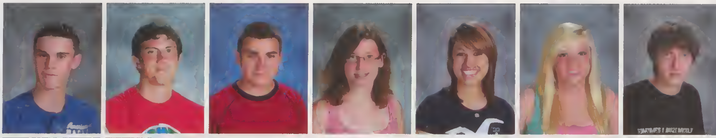




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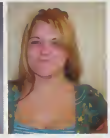




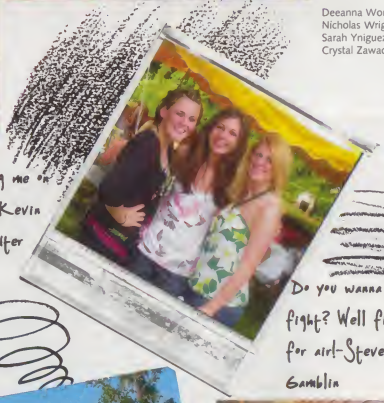


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"Your putting me on the spot" - Kevin Hofsteadter

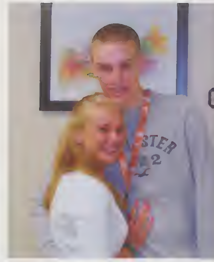


Do you wanna fight? Well fight for air - Steven Gamblin





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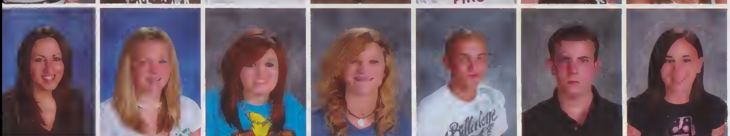
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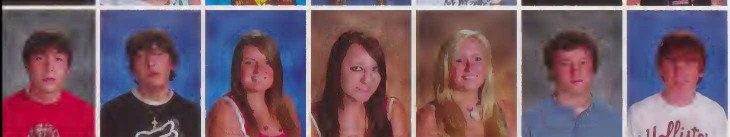
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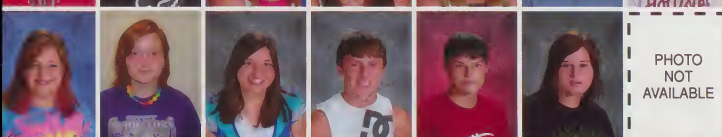
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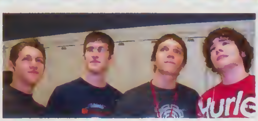


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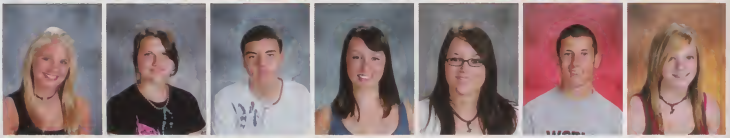
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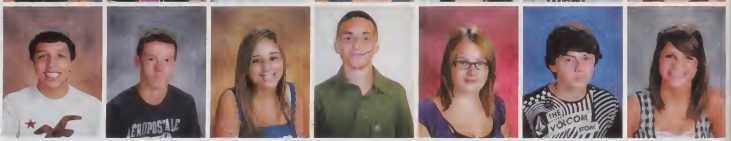
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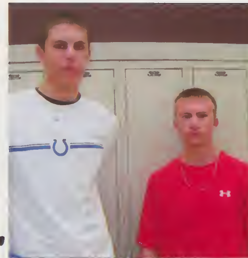
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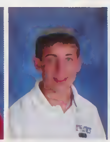
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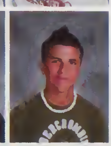



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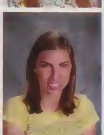








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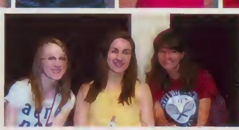



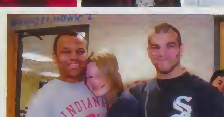





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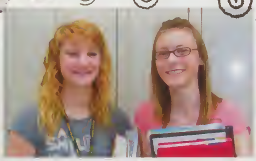













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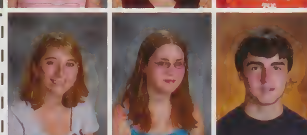
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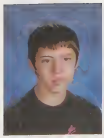


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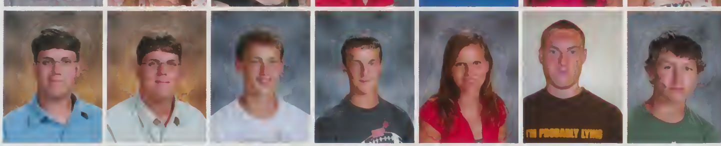
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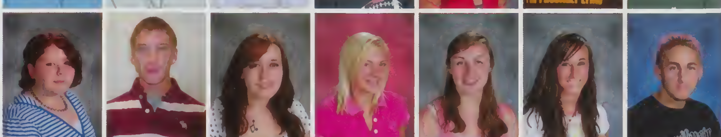
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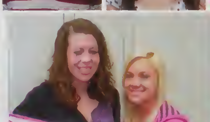
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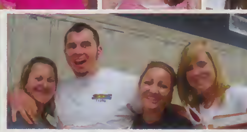


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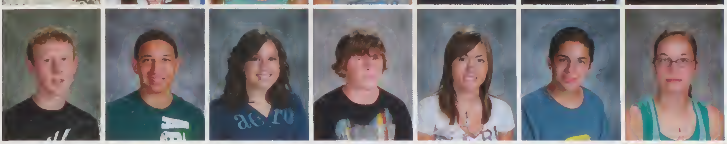
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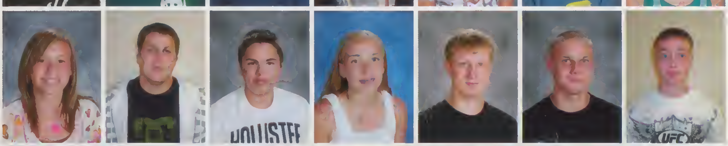
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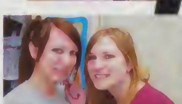
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Freshmen



"Bus driver, move that BUS!"-Vanessa Sams





"I fell on the treadmill."-Alison Johnson



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"My cat is cuter than your cat."-Megan Gramhofer



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"My shirt is like "I'm a stripper!""
-Tyler Vanlieshout



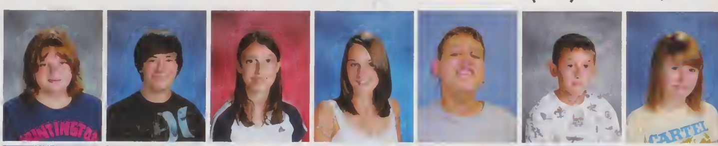






"I just LOVE to dance!" -Sam Neff

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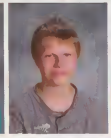


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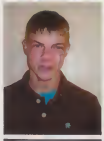








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"Yum I love chunky chocolate milk"
-Brittney Faverty



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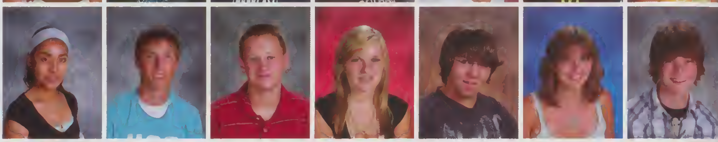
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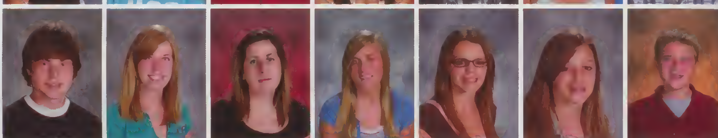
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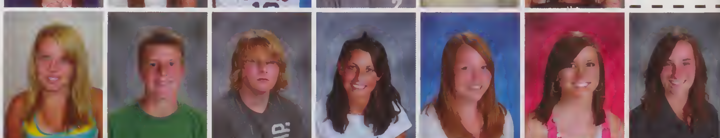


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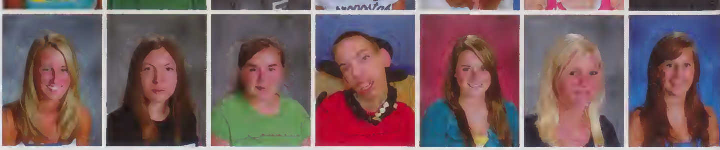


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1) Zach Starcevich (12), Lee Steuer (11), and Dave Steuer (12) taking advantage of a hot summer day. 2) Evan Gruhlke (12) showing Shoal Lake what fishing is all about. 3) Arielle Kresich (12), Kelly Koza (12), and Paige Illiff (12) escaping the heat while at the theater. 4) Katie Utley (12) and Kesli Blankenship (11) causing trouble at a hotel while at a soccer tournament.





Summer

"Our team really bonded this summer. We went everywhere together!"- Jourdan Eastling, 12

Summer break, as any student will tell you, is the greatest part of the school year. Many of our students here at Lowell utilize the summer break to work hard and play hard. "I used my break from school to spend more time visiting my sister in Griffith, where I'm from," says Lauren Million, a senior.

Despite there being no school, the grounds were still buzzing with activity. Fall sports were having summer conditioning, with many teams practicing twice a day, every day. Jake Lamb, a senior, says, "I couldn't practice during the summer because I had knee problems. I really missed running." In between intense practices, the athletes had fun hanging out with their team, going to the beach, and laying around the house. "Our team really bonded this summer. We went everywhere together" says Jourdan Eastling, a very excited senior.

The end of summer is a sad time, but a time of excitement too. School clothes shopping, supply shopping, and finding out the new schedule are the highlights of the approaching school year for many students. Friends meet up again, and new romances blossom. But once the newness of school wears off, everyone waits for summer to come once again.









5) Seniors Bob Black, Erin Gavelek, Jourdan Eastling, and Erika Feitz posing in front of the Chicago skyline. 6) Senior Bev Stengel shows what camping is all about. 7) Nicole Starcevich (12) and Paige Illiff (12) posing by some of Indiana's famous corn. 8) Annalise Garritano (12) and Emilee McInnis (12) taking a break for the camera while sunbathing. 9) Seniors Chris Chavez, Chelsea Gross, and Kyle Bottos emphasize the importance of bug spray.

FALL



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Varsity Football

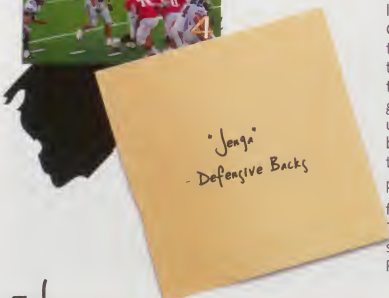
Scoreboard

Crown Point	7	0
Hammond Morton	57	20
Kankakee Valley	42	0
Griffith	27	12
Highland	55	7
Hobart	35	32
Hammond High	63	0
Munster	24	7
Andrean	35	6
South Bend Washington	24	7
Plymouth	20	14
South Bend Clay	49	20
Griffith	19	13
Fort Wayne Dewenger	22	38











"Thursday night team meals."- Cody Midgett, senior

This year, the Red Devils had one of the most successful seasons in Lowell football history. The team ended with an amazing 13-1 record. It all started with the big opening game against Crown Point. Coach Kennedy said, "It was one of the biggest games of the year for the team because it got the year off to a good start." Big rival games against Griffith and Hobart also gave the Devils huge victories. The regular season ended with a 9-0 record, an important Conference Championship, and led the Devils into a tough postseason. Each player did their job and put everything they had out on the field to stop their opponents. Senior Matt Berkos was the starting kicker for the first year. He said, "It felt good being part of something big." Sectionals started off on the road to play South Bend Washington. After that victory was one of the biggest games. Seniors David Eastling and Matt Berkos said, "Plymouth was the game that the team was most pumped up for because we were both undefeated and we knew they were a physical team just like us." The Devils won the sixth straight sectional Championship game with a win over South Bend Clay. This led to another rival match up against Griffith. With a close game at the end, the Devils beat Griffith for a Regional Championship for the second year in a row. The team came into the semi-state game undefeated to face Fort Wayne Dwenger, who was also undefeated. This game ended the incredible season. It was sad but the team did a tremendous job and made many memories throughout the season. Senior Cody Midgett said his favorite part of the season was "Thursday night team meals." Also, when our fans got ignorant starting chants an hour before kickoff. The 2008 Red Devil Football team accomplished many things this season. They definitely stood up and represented the meaning of RDP! It will be a season that people will never forget!







"Whoever invented gloves is smarter than Gods invention of hands." - Coach Kennedy







1) The champions board displayed at the Inferno. 2) A couple of Devils take down Crown Point's quarterback. 3) Defense stops South Bend Clay. 4) Justin Juarez(12) takes on a couple of Crown Point lineman. 5) The captions walk to the center of the field. 6) The Devils get hyped up before a game. 7) The Devils get ready to take on Morton.T 8) The offensive line comes to the line of scrimmage. 9) The defense lines up against its opponent

JV Football

"It was the biggest game this year because they beat us 33-0 last year and we handled them this year for a victory." - junior Tony Demario

The JV football team followed the footsteps of the varsity football team this season. They came out strong every Saturday morning to end their season of 7-0-1, with no losses but one tie. The team started with a big rival game against Crown Point. Junior Tony DeMario said, "It was the biggest game this year because they beat us 33-0 last year and we handled them this year for a victory." Throughout the season the team stuck together and helped each other immensely. This all paid off on the field. Each game the team came out pumped up with the help and support of the fans. Junior Jeffery Harbrecht said his favorite game of the year was, "The Munster game. It was very tough and they were a very hard opponent." This was the only game the Red Devils tied. The JV football team ended their season just right with a huge victory over Andrean. Junior Mark Cooper said, "The greatest part of the season was spending time teaching our new little brothers how to play the game of football and our undefeated season." The JV football team did great this year and became part of a memorable varsity football team.

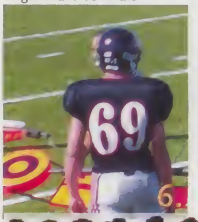




1) The players getting ready to make a play. 2) Players in action. 3) The players always on their feet. 4) Getting ready for another play. 5) The team proving themselves victorious against Hammond, Morton. 6) Tim McInnis (10) waiting to get in and dominate







"Shut Out"
- Jeff Harbrecht 11

Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Andrean	41	6
Munster	28	28
Hammond	33	0
Hobart	20	0
Highland	28	0
K V	32	0
Hammond Morton	21	20
Crown Point	24	16
Andrean	18	34
Munster	14	0
Hammond	20	6
Hobart	26	28
Highland	14	6





Sportsmanship Michael Jaworski







"Being a Red Devil felt great because I was part of a great tradition, and most of all a great family." -Tyler Kristoff (9)

The tradition of RDP starts off on the freshman football team. This is where each player learns what it really means to be a Red Devil. Freshman Tyler Kristoff said, "Being a Red Devil felt great because I was part of a great tradition, and most of all a great family." All this learning showed on the field when the team came out with an 8-1 record for the 2008 season. Many memories were made also! Freshman Sam Neff said, "A time in freshman football I will never forget is when we beat Andrean in the last minutes of the game." With a great freshman team, the football team is just going to become that much stronger for years to come! It's all about respecting the uniform and school you play for. This is just what every Lowell football player does. It showed each time a player stepped out on the field with their head held high and great energy. The freshman football team was always ready to play and their record shows just that!







"Leave it all on the field" Tyler Kristoff(9)

"Give everything you have everyday" - Sam Neff(9)

Sportsmanship: Josh Gorecki

Sportsmanship: Seth Urowski



Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Andrean	21	14
Munster	41	6
Hammond	30	0
Hobart	34	0
Highland	28	7
Griffith	34	0
K.V.	21	0
Hammond Morton	26	6
Crown Point	6	26
Highland	26	6
Griffith	33	14
Highland	24	0
Hobart	8	16



7) Examining from the sidelines. 8) Getting ready to dominate! 9) Making a play. 10) Fighting for the win. 11) Kickoff 12) Another play

Freshman Football

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Girl's Golf



Most Valuable Player: Mallory Pratt

"Golf can be frustrating but you learn a lot of important values that carry on through your life. You must believe that you're the best and you will be." - Kandice Ausdemore, senior

It's quiet, calm, and there is an uproar of clapping as the ball drops into the cup. At first you are thankful you have finished the hole and survived but then you begin to focus on the positives and negatives.

Golf requires talent, perseverance and a good mental attitude to play a satisfying game. The girl's golf team used all three to accomplish many goals that ended in triumph.."This team was very successful with a record of 15-1," said Coach Becker, "And you can't argue with that."

Along with their great record they were also Northwest Conference Crossroads Champions and took second place in the K.V. Sectional. The team also advanced to the La Porte Regional for the second year in a row. "We were also very successful because we got each other pumped and we were always cheering each other on through the good and bad days," said first year golfer Shelbi Hardin a sophomore, "This team was the closest team I've ever been on."

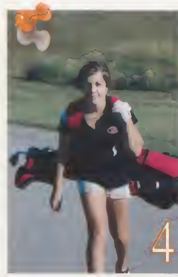
Though the girls' golf season is a short one they were able to succeed both as a team and individually. "Golf can be frustrating but you learn a lot of important values that carry on through your life" said senior captain Kandice Ausdemore, "You must believe that you're the best and you will be."

Even though the girl's golf season has ended, the memories made will still live on. During the season, the short bus and Palmira Golf Course become like a second home to them. You could find them singing, sipping on lemonade slushies and having putting contests along with putting in many long hours with hard work to improve their game. Many things will be missed about the season but that is what makes it a memorable success.

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Most Improved: Taylor Richlik



L-Club Leadership: Kandice Ausdemore



Sportsmanship: Alex Steuer



Scoreboard

Girl's Golf	Us	Them
Hobart	195	204
Hanover	205	262
Andrean	203	244
Merrillville	194	214
Boone Grove	203	259
Crown Point	206	210
Hanover	206	226
Lake Central Invite	429	N/A
KV Invitational	380	N/A
Rensselaer Invite	371	N/A
NCC Tournament	385	N/A
Sectionals	399	N/A
Regionals	395	N/A



1.) Varsity Girl's Golf in front of the short bus after placing second at Sectionals. 2.) The Varsity players pose together after a big win. 3) Shelbi Hardin (10) eagerly walks to the next hole. 4.) Taylor King (10) walking to her next hole after making a birdie at her last hole. 5.) Varsity and JV players at a team meal. 6.) Kandice Ausdemore (12) and Alex Steuer (11) posing for a picture together at one of their matches. 7.) Taylor Richlik (10) making a shot during a match. 8.) Coach Becker walking to the next hole to watch the girls play.

"Luck or Skill....Do it again!"
- Coach Becker

"You guys don't know how to play ZIPBONG?!"
- Alex Steuer (11)

Boys' Tennis



Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Lake Central	0	5
Portage	0	5
Munster	0	5
Griffith	1	4
Kankakee Valley	4	1
Andrean	0	5
Chesterton	0	5
Highland	0	5
Michigan City	3	2
Merrillville	0	5
Crown Point	0	5

"Bee Y'all!"
-Josh Henshilwood, sophomore

"I'm really going to miss this team"
-Joe Crisan, senior



The boys tennis season was a tough one this year. They had to deal with the fact that they are a new team. This past year they lost a lot of key players and gained a lot of new ones that have never played before. I got a chance to talk to Josh Henshilwood, a sophomore, and asked him some questions about his season. He told me, "If we all continue to keep on playing we're going to have a very strong team." Josh and his friend Matthew Hilbrich, also a sophomore, are both new to the game of tennis and were doubles partners this season. Josh said, "We played really well, but like everyone we had our moments." This season Nick Kieta, a junior and Zach Brachman, also a junior, were this year's team captains. When I talked to the rest of the boys they all told me that Nick and Zach were good captains. "They really knew how to keep our spirits up. They knew when to be serious but also how to have fun" said fellow teammate Matthew Hilbrich, a sophomore. I went to a lot of the matches myself and really enjoyed it. It was so much fun. It's really just a great atmosphere out there. "I'm really going to miss this team. They're a great group of guys," said Joe Crisan, a senior.







Most Valuable Player

Joseph Crisan



Most Improved

Harris Rosenbalm



L-club Leadership

Nick Kieta









1)Coach Hudak giving the team a speech before they play. 2) Josh Henshilwood(10) walks to get a ball. 3)Josh Henshilwood(10) picking up a ball during a match. 4) Josh Henshilwood(10) Brian Lubert(9) and Zach Bruckman(11) sitting on the bench before their matches. 5) Nick Kieta(11) and Zach Bruckman(11) wait before the opponent arrives. 6) Jermey Madrigel (9) on the return. 7)Matt Hilbrich(10) serves for the Red Devils. 8)Nick Woroszylo(10) returns a shot with his back hand.







Most Valuable

Most Improved

"Who's gots numba 21?"
- Ries Plank, 10









Boys Soccer











C-Club Leadership

Varsity Sportsmanship

Offensive MVP

Defensive MVP



"What time is it?...All day!"
-Ries Plank, sophomore

This year's season was a real learning experience, from the young team to the new coach. "He was a new coach, and he did a good job, but, you never stop learning and we all have a lot to learn," said Sophomore Ries Plank. When talking with the boys' I asked what were some of the great moments they all told me it was the first win against Hebron. Sophomore Dylan Heine said, "I think our record doesn't show how hard we worked and the future is very bright." From what I can tell, the boys all really meshed together and had a fun season. Sophomore Dylan Heine told me, "A senior on the team got hurt the last game of the regular season yet, he still played in our first sectional game. That showed me what hard work can give you." Now that senior wasn't just anyone, it was the young gentleman who earned the well deserved sportsmanship award, Nathan Hess. "What time is it?...All day!" is the statement that simply just stated they had all day to work.

Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Hebron	0	1
Bishop Noll	0	7
Munster	0	8





1) Matt Berkos (12), Matt Edwards (9), Dylan Heine (10), and John Ison (10) getting ready before a big play. 2) The team gathers for a pep talk at half time. 3) Derik Burgans (12) unleashing some power. 4) Drue Staples (11) concentrates as he dribbles past a KV player. 5) Senior Matt Berkos about to unleash his fury on the ball. 6) The JV players root on their varsity team from the bench. 7) One of the freshman standouts, Matt Edwards, approaches his opponent.

JV Boys' Soccer





"We were basically an entirely new team this year" - Ries Plank, Sophomore

It's 2:59 at Lowell Senior High School as sophomore Ries Plank sits in math class staring down the black hands that slowly slide past the white face of the clock above the dry erase board in front of him. His mustard yellow Number 2 pencil taps excitedly on his desk. He imagines the fresh white paint laying on the once green grass, the white soccer ball stained with black scuffs and grass stains, the ache in his chest as he continues to push himself. The shriek of the final bell pops the thought bubble above him and he is off to the locker rooms. As he slides his jet black socks over his legs he anticipates the scene from math class coming to reality in only moments.

Ries, a right mid-fielder for the Junior Varsity Boys Soccer team this year, feels good about the boys' season this year. *"We were basically an entirely new team this year."* "We had mostly new players, and we definitely had our challenges. We did not have the best season you could say, but it was definitely a good learning experience and it was a blast to play."

Off and on the field, the boys on the team have a very strong bond. Whether doing what they love, or just walking to class, the teammates share a strong friendship. "We are all really good friends and playing with the guys is a lot of fun" says Ries.





1) Connor Wood takes a free kick. (9)

2) The team gathers before a big game.

3) The team slaps hand with the other team after the game.

4) The team discusses their game at half time.



JV Sportsmanship - Diana Neff

1) Senior Diana Neff and Coach Kenneth Von Klein stretch it out on the sidelines during a game at Hammond. 2) The team celebrates in the mud after a game. 3) Becca Gruhlke (10) defends the goal.4) Becca Gruhlke (10) Brittany Kimbrell (10) and Alyssa Stengel (10) are happy playing in the mud.



"Take a lap! And gimme ten push-ups!"
- senior Diana Neff

"They are family." - Valerie Bank

"Dogpile!" yells one of the JV girls' soccer players on the field, screaming to be heard over the pounding rain and cracks of thunder resounding through the Inferno. The last JV game of the season was cut short by a tremendous storm, but the girls did not let that little obstacle ruin their fun. They all raced toward the muddy center of the field, sliding in their formerly white uniforms and piling up in the center in one, yelling, laughing group. Suddenly, as they all got up to go to the safety of the blockhouse, senior Diana Neff bursts out in tears. "This is our last game, forever!" she cries, upset about leaving her girls. As the two captains on the team, seniors Diana Neff and Valerie Bank brought a little experience to the young JV team and a lot of heart. "These girls are more than friends to me,"says Valerie Bank,"They are family." "When I look back in ten years, I'm still going to remember this season and every funny and heart-breaking moment."

This season was graced with the arrival of a new coach, Ken Klein, who the girls took to very well. He was frequently the object of much friendly harassment by the team, and he (hopefully) enjoyed it. The girls did well, considering they often had only one or no extra players, meaning they had to play 70 minutes with no rest. No one will forget this season, and the camaraderie all the girls felt.



Scoreboard

Team Name	Us	Them
Crown Point	0	6
Highland	0	1
Hobart	0	3
Andrean	1	0
Griffith	0	5
Kankakee Valley	0	2



JV Girls' Soccer



Erin Gavelek

Co-Most Valuable Player



Kesli Blankenship



Katie Sharkey

Most Improved



Erin Gavelek

L-Club Leadership

1)The girls' soccer team hanging out at a team meal. 2)Mal Lampa(11) and Courtney Stahl(12) carry senior Chelsea Gross off the field at Hebron after she injured her ankle. 3)Erin Gavelek(12) crosses over her defender. 4)Courtney Stahl(12) stays back to defend the goal.

5)The Girls' Soccer team after a very exciting win. 6) Kesli Blankenship(11) makes a nice attempt towards the goal. 7)Seniors Val Bank, Diana Neff, Jourdan Eastman, and Melanie Jezior getting ready to get into the "Party Bus".

Sportsmanship



Chelsea Gross



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"Unleash the hounds!!!"
Senior, Diana Neff

"I'm da baby, gotta love me!"
Senior, Chelsea Gro

Girls' Soccer



"Everyone on the team just genuinely liked each other," -Courtney Stahl, senior

Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Rensselear	9	1
Hammond Gavit	11	1
Hammond Morton	6	0
Crown Point	1	1
Hobart	1	0
Andrean	3	1
Griffith	0	1
Wheeler	3	2
Hanover	0	0
Hanover (sectional 1)	7	0
(sectional 2)	1	4



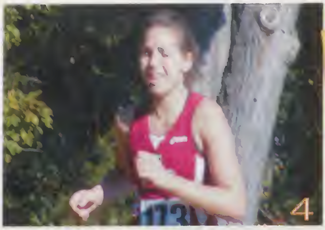
As the final overtime period came to a close in the girls' soccer game against Munster, the scoreboard still showed a scoreless draw. Ten penalty kicks later, the whole Lowell girls' soccer team rushed the field and celebrated their win against the powerhouse. Munster was previously undefeated in conference. This is just one example of the exciting and hard-fought games in the most successful season in Lady Red Devils soccer history.

The season got off to a great start with a tie against Crown Point, who in years past would beat the team by a minimum of five goals. After the tie, the ladies had just the right amount of confidence to set goals never thought of before. Throughout the rest of the season, the team faced many difficult opponents and many times came out with the win. The final record turned out to be 13-3-2, with losses to only two teams.

A reason for all the success this season comes from the amazing chemistry on and off the field. "Everyone on the team just genuinely liked each other," says captain Courtney Stahl, a senior, of the friendships on the team. The team became a family and spent hours outside of practice and games together.

Another reason could have been the unwavering support from the fans. This year brought a group of dads nicknamed "The Dad Squad" that showed up to every game and acted as the 12th man. At every game they could be heard starting their own chants or even seen with their pom-poms and painted faces. "I loved taking a girl on one-on-one and hearing everyone in the stands. It really pumped me up," reflects Jessica Fox, a junior, of the loyal fans.

Overall, the season was a dream come true for many of the players. The Lady Red Devils beat teams they never had before and most importantly had a great time doing it. It is safe to say this team is definitely a team of "Big Dogs."



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"At one of our meets we had a dinosaur on the loose." - Lexi Itczak, junior



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Girls Cross Country

Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Andrean Invitational	79	
Crown Point	109	
Gavit Invitational	199	
Bob Thomas Invite	132	
Highland Invitational	227	
Hobart Invitational	69	
NCC Competition	96	
Crown Point Sectional	87	
Regional Competition	63	
Semi-State Competition	462	



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"The whole season in itself was fun; it's hard to choose just one part." -Kim Partyka, senior

This season brought forth a world of change for the girl's cross country team. With the addition of a new coach and many fresh faces, it was sure to be an interesting fall. After discussing the season with new runners as well as those in their last season, it's obvious that this was an enjoyable as well as successful fall for these girls. "The whole season in itself was fun; it's hard to choose just one part. We bonded immediately and constantly had a blast," said senior runner, Kim Partyka. The year to year trademark of this team is the girls' undying bond. Like any team, spending hours everyday together plays it's role, whether it be positive or negative. For this team, it had a positive effect. "I don't really think that we all of a sudden said, 'hey, let's start getting closer', it just kind of crept up on us in a good way", says first year runner, Lexie Itczak. "I don't think we've had a meet or practice that wasn't funny or interesting," she adds. This team could probably set the world's record for their mass of inside jokes. From "big boys" to "wrah!", and "Giraffe Pet" to dinosaurs on the loose at meets, there was definitely never a dull moment with these girls.



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1) The team gathers for a picture at a home meet. 2) Junior Kristen Anderson leaves the other runners in her dust during a home race. 3) Sophomore Emily Perfetti digs deep to trudge on. 4) Sophomore Jessica Miller and freshman Megan Dillman bring it in at a home meet. 5) A Lowell runner leads the pack at a home meet. 6) Senior Erika Feitz fights the pain while finishing a race.



Most Valuable Player



Kristen Anderson

Sportsmanship



Lexi Itczak

Most Improved



Jessica Miller

Leadership



Erika Feitz



Megan Dillman

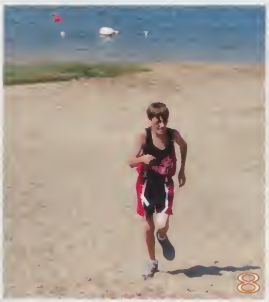


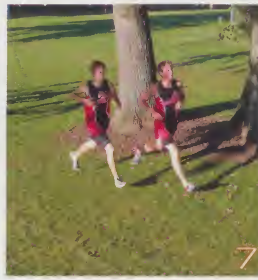
Kimmy Partyka

Boys Cross Country









"Get the popcorn ready!" - Junior Cameryn Brady

Cross Country is a mindset. Something about running miles upon miles every day for fun, make us seem crazy. "I think the 13 mile days were the hardest" comments junior Chris Salatas. Although, XC is not as bad as it sounds. Team meals with Rock Band, intense ping pong rivalries and watching an avid Halo player lose definitely make "Agony" worth it. Also, we can't forget the many false accusations of "Spongebob" lurking around.

This season many individuals overcame obstacles from making a new personal best to injuries. The team as a whole overcame many things as well; Tornadoes, Ivan and Gustav, and armed robbers. "I was afraid I was going to miss my season this year because of knee problems but I turned out to be ok" said senior Jake Lamb. We were hoping to accomplish more than what we did this year but the Devils still had a great season. We were able to win the Highland Invite, take second at the NCC and had a good run for the sectional title with a second place by two points. We were wanting to "Get the popcorn ready!" according to junior Cameryn Brady. We also made our 11th consecutive appearance at New Prairie Semi-State. Even though we had five seniors the Devils will be good in the years to come with many returning varsity runners.









1) The team warms up on the line before their big race. 2) Seniors Zach Wiersma Dave Weiand and junior Kyle Pattee are off at the gun at the start. 3) Junior Chris Salatas takes some big strides while pumpin' those arms. 4) Sophomore Andrew Hernthaisong strides it in at the Hobart duel 5) The team poses with their trophy at the Gavit Invite. 6) Junior Austin Henson getting ready to run up Mt. Naumo for the second time of the race. 7) Juniors Austin Henson and Kyle Pattee pace together for the first mile. 8) Tyler Vanlieshout. a freshman, running up the beach at hidden lake. 9) Seniors Zach Wiersma and Dave Weiand lead.



"I think the thirteen mile days were the hardest."
Chris Salatas, junior

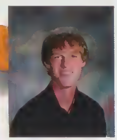


Most Valuable Player



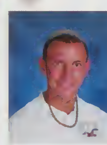
Zachary Wiersma

Sportsmanship



Joshua Russel

Most Improved



Joshua Hofer

Leadership



David Weiand

JV Sportsmanship



Brandon Bullitt

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Varsity Volleyball









Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
North Newton	2	0
Merrillville	0	2
Hanover	3	0
Kankakee Valley	3	1
Munster	3	0
Highland	3	0
Hobart	3	2
Andrean	3	1
Hebron	3	0
Griffith	3	1
Portage	3	0
Crown Point	3	1

"We may not have had our best year, but we became a family." Kathleen O'Leary, junior

"We kicked Crown Point's butt!!" says senior Mallory Runyon. They had a huge win over Crown Point, their biggest rival. It was the best for Lowell to beat them. The Volleyball team didn't do as well as they hoped this year ending the season with a 15-17 record. They ranked 9th in the area and 3rd in their conference. This year they lost 7 seniors and had a new coach. It was tough to get used to, but they handled it well. "We may not have had our best year, but we became a family," junior Kathleen O'Leary states. Lowell was always the loudest team out there no matter where they traveled to. They were missing (big hitter) Jesse Smock all year and they had very little experience on the varsity team. "We became super close and love to read!" says junior Jessica Schiessle. The team overall has nothing to be ashamed of and will only be losing 3 seniors this year. They hope for a better season next year, but win or lose, they should all walk like they've accomplished something huge.

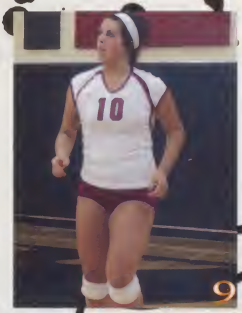
1) Junior Erin Steward and seniors Mallory and Hannah Runyon huddle before the next play. 2) Junior Carissa Thiel warms up her serving arm before the game. 3) Freshman Jessie Smock uses her tall frame to block the net for the Devils. 4) Lowell warms up before a game 5) The team huddles after a point won. 6) The team in an intense match. 7) Senior Mal Runyon serves up an ace to the other team.. 8) Junior Kathleen O'Leary crouches in the ready position to dig up the serves. 9) Senior Mal Runyon waits for a serve. 10) The team walking on the court before a game.

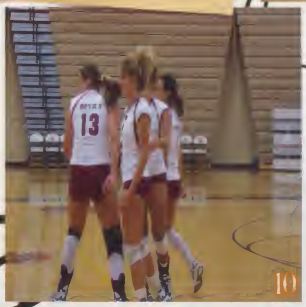


"Jessica! You got gum in my hair!"

- Nikki Thiel













JV Volleyball







Scoreboard

Team	Score	W/L
Crown Point	0-2	L
Griffith	0-2	L
Wheeler	2-0	W
Andrean	0-2	L
Hobart	2-0	W
Highland	2-0	W
Portage	0-0	
Lake Central	0-2	L
Griffith	2-0	W
Hebron	2-0	W
Andrean	2-0	W
Hobart	2-0	W
Munster	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	2-0	W
Hanover	25-21	W
North Newton	2-0	W
Crown Point	2-1	W
Griffith	0-2	L
Hebron	2-0	W
Wheeler	2-0	W
Andrean	2-1	W
Hobart	2-0	W
Highland	0-2	L
Portage	2-0	W
Valparaiso	3-0	L

"I walk in and all I hear is a huge SLAP" -Chloe White, Sophomore

I walk in the room and all I hear is a huge SLAP! That was Chloe White making one of her awesome aces. JV captain, Jamie Schiessle sophomore, said, "This year our slogan is, be the iceberg." She told me that every team will say they want to be the tip of the iceberg, but that's not the whole team. She wanted them to be the whole iceberg. Even the bottom is important because it's the base and the team needs the base. Even the ones who sit the bench are important because they're cheering on the teammates. Olivia Ruse sophomore said, "I think this year our team had some pretty good chemistry. We are all pretty good friends in and out of volleyball." Savannah Summers freshmen told me,"Even though the summer, practices are hard, they really get us in good shape for the season." When talking to freshmen Hannah Scott, "This year our freshmen team did a lot better than we thought. We are so proud of ourselves."



Sophomore Chloe White

Freshman Volleyball











"I thought we had a great season"
Haley Slavis (9)

Scoreboard

Team	Score	W/L
Crown Point	0-2	L
Wheeler	2-0	W
Hanover	2-0	W
Kankakee Valley	2-0	W
Lake Central	0-2	L
Merrillville	2-0	W
Griffith	2-0	W
Wheeler	2-1	W
Hobart	0-2	L
Highland	0-2	L
Portage	0-2	L
Munster	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	2-0	W
Lake Central	0-2	L
Griffith	0-2	L
Andrean	0-2	L
Hobart	2-1	W
Highland	0-2	L
Munster	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	0-2	L
Merrillville	2-0	W
Lake Station Edison	2-0	W
Hammond Morton	2-0	W
Hanover	2-0	W
Portage	2-1	W

Sophomore Haley Slavis

1) Stevie Schilling (10) Shanna Canarini (10). 2) Lowell shows their spirit. 3) Lowell waits for the call to be made. 4) Lowell celebrates with their teammates. 5) Lowell gets down to return the ball to the opposite team. 6) Daniell Savich (10). 7) Lowell sets up for a serve.


Most Improved Awards Dana


Mental Attitude Kelly Krentz

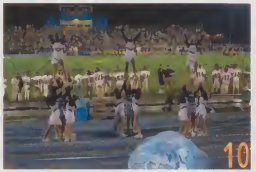

Varsity Sportsmanship Lorraine Barnes


JV Sportsmanship Tiffany Miley


Most Valuable Cassandra Schnelle


Co-Club Leadership Cassandra Schnelle





"By pushing ourselves to perform a routine with a fresh, young squad, we really set the bar for the rest of the year." -Cassie Schnelle(11)

Cheerleading is vital to raise school sprit during athletic events. They have to "pump up" the crowd and show support to their athletic peers. This year the squad has undergone a number of hardships. There is only one junior to lead the squad. However, the team has proven that a young squad can perform difficult skills. The cheerleaders even showed our community spirit by raising money for the pediatric floor patients and collecting pajamas for children in need. This year the squad has made many important and unforgettable memories. Cassie Schnelle, a junior, said her favorite memory was "Our summer competition. It was a really good way to start off the season. By pushing ourselves to perform a routine with a fresh, young squad, we really set the bar for the rest of the year." The cheerleaders had an outstanding year, helping everyone get into the school spirit. They lead the cheers for fans at football games, all the way to Regionals. The Cheerleaders truly know that practice makes perfect. It's all about being loud, confident and a smile is always necessary!

Cheerleading



















1 The team walking in the Labor Day parade. 2 Kelsey Roadruck(9), Allyson Thompson(9), Alex Damm(10), Leyanne Burgans(10), and Brigitte Dewes(10) pose for a picture. 3 The rest of the team crowds around Alexandria Damm(10) after she walked Homecoming court. 4 The cheerleaders perform their routine to get the crowd going at the pep rally. 5 A perfect looking formation. 6 Some cheerleaders showing their skills. 7 The girls take a nap on the bleachers after a long day. 8 The Sophomore cheerleaders pose for a picture. 9 The girls hold up a fellow teammateJust another game. 10 Just another game. 1 The cheerleaders wait on the field, for the football team to break through the Red Devil sign. 12 Brittney Ulanowski(9) is put up into a stunt at the Homecoming pep rally.

"BOOM!"
- Alex Zeiter and Emma Enzweiler

Clubs

"I choose to be a Club leader in order to try out new opportunities to broaden the horizons of our school's extracurricular choices." - Mr. Brandush, Dungeons and Dragons adviser


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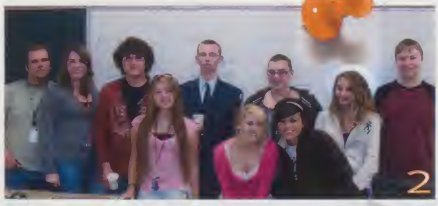

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" In Clubs we are able to better ourselves which then we are able to better our community."-Zach Wiersma (12)





1) Student council members take a picture by the statue that they donated. 2) The French club take a group picture at their Halloween party. 3) Students in the ROTC taking pumpkins to some kids. 4) The ROTC also walking with flags in the parade. 5) Oliva Mucha(12) before the haunted trail. 6) FFA members Paige Iliff (12) and Lee Steuer (11) tailgating at the homecoming football game. 7) The ROTC having fun. 8)Members of the French club get some food. 9) The FFA rides through the parade.



Did you see those gaming supplies? It was a mystical wonderland. -Emilee McInnis (12)

Clubs







1) Molly Kristoff (11) getting ready for the Haunted Trail. 2) Val Gasporivic (10) and Paige Iliff (12). 3) Spellbowl posing for a picture. 4) We love Clubs!! 5) ROTC Trick or Treats for children 6) ROTC helps Mrs. Bilski's class carve pumpkins. 7) Val Bank (12) and Kyle Busekros (12) are naturally scary. 8) Dead Cross Country Runners. 9) Mr. Gianotti instructs the academic teams on how to be scary.

I'm in a club. Kayla Cook (12)





In Clubs we are able to better ourselves which then we are able to better our community.

Clubs are literally classified as a group of people organized for a social, literary, athletic, or political purpose. Many of the students can not even name all of the clubs at Lowell High School because very little information is known about them. But what we should know, is that from the variety of clubs we have to offer we can learn new skills and accomplish many goals. "In clubs we are able to better ourselves, which then means we are able to better our community," said Zach Wiersma, a senior.

In the past years and ones to come success has and will be found in the activities clubs perform. Success is measured individually when you correctly spell a word or make a new friend, and it can also be measured in a team when you win state in Decathlon or when you donate the most food for a food drive. "I think that high schoolers learn valuable and practical life experiences from clubs," said Megan Mayhew, a senior, "Clubs enable students to realize the joys of helping out others and the community." Not only do students enjoy participation in clubs, but our teachers see satisfaction when we come together and learn while having fun. "I choose to be a club leader in order to try out new opportunities to broaden the horizons of our school's extracurricular choices," said Mr. Brandush, advisor of the Dungeons and Dragons Club.

The student body and the teachers agree that clubs help us shape who we are. Whether we like to participate in only one Club or as many as possible they are an important part of our lives. So when you consider joining clubs look at all your possibilities because they are endless.









Academics











"I love to rEad!!!
Steve Helmich"
(11)

1) Mr. Holdeman helps his Earth Space classes projects to withstand an earthquake. 2) A Group of students in Auto Shop display their car. 3) Kyle Osbourn (12) watches his fellow students work on an engine for Auto Shop. 4) Students in Auto Shop stand in front of the class garage. 5) Chelsea Gross (12) loves yearbook!!





1) Val Bank (12) and Lindsey Sisk (12) drink hot chocolate that was purchased from the library.

2) Lauren Seramur (11) works hard in her Accounting 1 class to finish her project.

3) Tensions run high in A.P. Calculus.

4) Nate Hess (12) and Bobby Black (12) perform their song at the Shakespeare Fest.

5) Josh Henshilwood (10) Casey Frasier (10) and Kenny Merkel (11) in Radio T.V.

6) Advance P.E. work on improving their fitness.

7) Adam McDonald (12) showing his Spanish side.

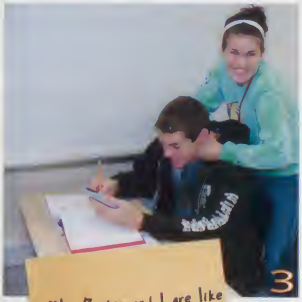
"Who needs brain cells?"
Garret Pate
(11)















"Mr. Richie and I are like twins!!!!!"
Corey Paquette (11)

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"I love to study!"

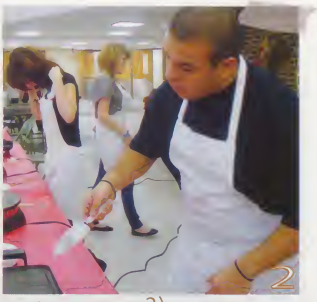
-Val Gasparovic, sophomore

Sports, school spirit, friendships and clubs, all very important things at any standard high school, but at Lowell High School academics is the most important aspect of our school. "I love to study!" says sophomore Valarie Gasparovic.

Some students may not agree, but most of our students strive to keep their grades above average. Grades are important through your high school career, because if your grades aren't good you'll never get into college. "I need to keep my grades up so that I can get into college" says senior Josh King. As for our athletes, if they don't maintain a certain GPA they can't play their sports. Keeping a certain GPA also helps with things like parking passes and being a student assistant. The academics provided for you during high school reflect a lot in your adult life. They teach you everything from the history of our country to the mathematics you may someday need at a job or the things you need to know to write a proper business letter. Senior Zach Starcevich said "If my grades aren't ship shape, I just can't sleep at night." And he has the right attitude!









1) Mr. Stewart intelligently lectures about U.S. History. 2) Senior Julian Hernandez crafts expertly made crepes at the annual French Market. 3) Senior Ryan Cotner rocks the stage as Juliet at the Shakespeare Fest. 4) Seniors Erika Feitz and Kimmy Partyka hand make a beautiful banner in Health Careers. 5) Junior Danielle Daughtery gives blood. 6) Seniors Matt Berkos, Bobby Black, Ashley Bazik, Erin Gavelek, Nick Schultz, and Autumn Prasco converse in Shakesperean language. 7) Nate Hess (12) says what he needs to say at the Shakespeare Fest. 8) Girls in the Shakespeare Fest show their creative side and play a song. 9) Ms. Bilskis class strikes a pose. 10) Seniors Kaitlyn Braun and Maggie Rufo have a sword fight on stage.

Fall Drama


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"The show is so worth it..."- Olivia Mucha, Senior

In the fall of 2008 the Lowell High School Drama Department put on the show "Rumors" by Neil Simon. The slapstick, high energy comedy was a wonderful success for everyone involved, and the LHS Theatre Department proved again that with each production their ambitions grow. Somewhere between murder mystery and 60's physical comedy was a valuable lesson about gossip, about love, about loyalty, about success, and at the end of the day... friendship. The cast and crew of Rumors had an incredible time preparing the show for our community. At some point among the long practices, bloopers, meals, and performances the cast and crew became a family, and all involved were touched by the experience of working together. Olivia Mucha(12), who played the kooky character Cookie in the show said, "It's really fun just goofing around, getting to know each other, working hard on something we all love to do, and becoming a family. Those moments, though they can get frustrating, are my favorite moments of any production."

The show ran for four nights, Thursday through Sunday. Though the cast and crew of Rumors may have made the performance look easy, any member will tell you the months of preparation before that opening night are anything but. "The show was awesome and I loved doing it, but you definitely notice a pretty big chunk out of your schedule. From days of auditions and call backs, to nights at home reading through your script memorizing lines, to the practices everyday after school. Towards the show practices can go as long as 10:00 at night. The show is so worth it but you have to be sure you can be dedicated," said Olivia Mucha(12) when asked about the largest obstacle of the production. The show's four performances were extremely successful drawing in large crowds including friends, family, teachers, and local supporters.

Kevin Deal, the director of the Theatre Department also has a lot to be proud of these days. Not only does he have a dedicated group of talented kids, but the success of this show was due in large part to him. When asked, Mr. Deal had this to say about his dramatic club members; "I think everyone did a fantastic job. I'm very proud of them, as is their community, and they should be proud of themselves for everything they accomplished."



1) Austin Davis (12), playing Leonard Ganz . 2) Olivia Mucha (12), as Cookie. 3) Brad Rickert (11), Ken Gorman. 4) Mallory Swisher (10), Cassie Cooper. 5) Christopher Chavez (12), Glen Cooper 6) Arielle Kresich (12) Chris Gorman 7) Mike Kroll (10), Ernie Cuzak. 8) Kelly Koza (12), Claire Ganz 9) Cast members of 'Rumors' up early on a Saturday giving a helping hand to the hard-working crew building the set. From top left: Kevin Deal, Mike Kroll (10), Olivia Mucha (12), Lexie Itzak (11), Mallory Swisher (10), Austin Davis (12), Kelly Koza (12), and Arielle Kresich (12). 10) Student director Stephanie Holdeman (10), Mallory Swisher (10), and Kelly Koza (12) enjoy some Dairy Queen after a performance. 11) Student director Katie Morario (10) gives the thumbs up back stage to cue the curtains.



"We laughed all the way home!" -Mrs. Magley





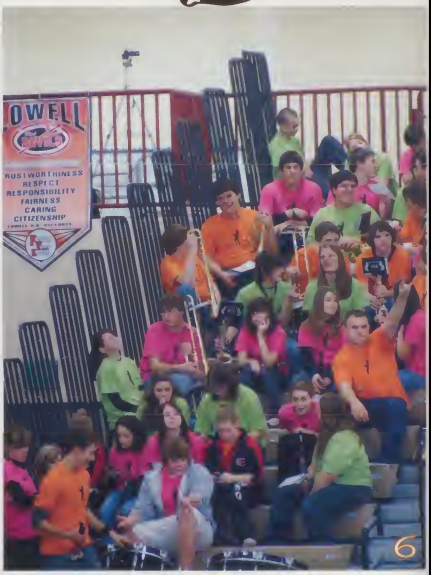
Jessica Francis and Helen Dunfee, both grade 12, posing in their policeman costumes in preparation for the production 'Rumors'

Band & Choir

"it has been a joy and an honor to be apart of this department" -Kelly Koza

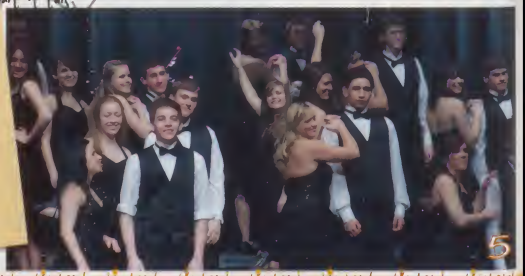
Between time signatures, breath support, half notes, and quarter rests lies the Lowell Senior High School choir. The LHS choral department is made up of four choirs: Mixed Choir, made up of both male and female beginning choir students; Debutantes, an all female choir made up of beginning choir students made by audition only; Accents, an all female more experienced choir made by audition only; and Premiere Distinction, the most advanced choir at LHS made up of both males and females made by audition only. The LHS choirs meet once a day to learn the music they will eventually make into a concert for their family, friends, teachers, and community. While the goals of the choir are met at concerts, dancing and singing on a large stage under bright lights, many students will tell you the true joy of choir is in the rehearsals.

Kelly Koza, a Senior this year in her fourth year of choir, has worked her way up to Premiere Distinction. When asked about her experience as a choir student, she had this to say; "Choir has been to me and others more than just a class. Choir is an artistic release in your hectic day. With all the stress and commotion that comes with a school day, going to Mrs. Keowan's room has been a sanctuary to look forward to." While there is much work to be done when you walk in the choir doors, as Mrs. Keowan will be quick to remind you, learning and performing the music can be very therapeutic and as Kelly said best, "it has been a joy and an honor to be apart of this department".



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"Shut up John"
-Everyone in Choir


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1) Our talented marching band plays beautifully at the football game on a warm fall night. 2) Senior Tim O'Brien performs on stage in the auditorium. 3) The choir sings their hearts out at one of there concerts. 4) Senior Jake Fredrickson lends a little variety to the drums. 5) The LHS choir serenades the audience in the auditorium. 6) The LHS band hangs out in the bleachers after competition.

"I have no problem with singing posture. If I sit any other way my c#%@ hangs out"
-Kelly K-ea (12)

Junior Miss













13)Lowell's 2009 Junior Miss winner Mallory Pratt(12). 1) The girls at 2009 Junior Miss. 12) 2nd runner up Kelly Koza(12). 11)1st runner up Erin Gavelek(12) 10) 3rd runner up Amanda Davia(12) 9)4th runner up Heather Baba(12). 8)The formal portion of the show.













2) The girls have a night on the town to go see Mama Mia..3) After the winners are announced the girls congratulate each other.4) Seniors Dezirey Rodriguez, Mal Pratt, and Heather Bafia wash some cars. 5) Diana Neff(12) and Mallory Pratt(12) showing the crowd how fit they are.6)The ladies get glam at C'est Moi. 7) The girls in front of the party bus that they decorated before the parade.

"The big day when all our hard work paid off and we go to relax, have fun and show off all our many talents."---Mallory Pratt(12)



"You should name your baby Lucifer cause its gonna be the baby of Satan"- Diana Neff(12)

"Don't Touch That Dial" was the theme for this year's Junior Miss competition. Hard work and long practices came together to make a great show. However, there was a lot of exciting activities in between from a "get fit" class to a dress up night at the movies. All the excitement came out as the curtains opened to the famous "Happy Days" theme song the night of the show. The auditorium was filled with screaming fans. The 16 contestants battled it out in fitness, talent, and self expression as famous TV show theme songs played. The question of the night was, "What is one thing you hope people will remember you by?", and each girl had an outstanding answer. At the end, Mallory Pratt was crowned Lowell's Junior Miss 2009. Mallory said her favorite part of Junior Miss was "the big day when all our hard work paid off and we got to relax, have fun and show off all our many talents." Through this experience many friendships were made. Also, "Many memories were made at Miss Pat's Dance Studio" said Amanda Davila. The show turned out to be a huge success with the help of everyone's "little sisters"!



Spirit Week



"All week, all we think about is the Homecoming game. Dressing goofy adds to the excitement." -Gretchen Barker, senior

Spirit Week this year kicked off with a lazy get up and go "Pajama Day." This was senior Kim Partyka's favorite part of Spirit Week, to which she wore a nice quality set of Homer Simpson pajamas. Every day of the week provided a different sense of style. The students really got involved this year, from crazy old flashback clothes to unbelievable wacky hats. The spirit days bring the students together and get them pumped for the big Homecoming game and dance. Senior Gretchen Barker said, "All week, all we think about is the Homecoming game. Dressing goofy adds to the excitement." Goofy dresses were definitely seen on "Flashback Day" with every decade being covered. This was senior Arielle Kresich's favorite day and her favorite outfit she wore. She said her outfit consisted of, "big Madonna hair with a ribbon, a retro scarf, tights, and a black sweater dress. You can't forget the bright 80's makeup." With the pride and spirit filling the halls of the school, work seemed to be forgotten and the week flew by. Friday, the school was filled with the colors of red, black, and white to complete spirit week. This great week with tons of spirit led to a huge victory and a great Homecoming!



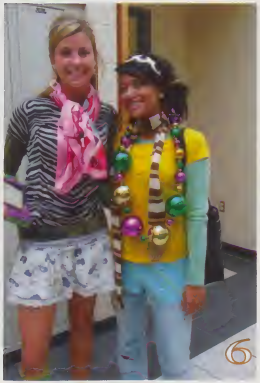




"Guys, this is our last time to dress up for spirit week. We have to go all out."
- Heather Bafia (12)









1) Sophomores Becca Gruhlke and Alyssa Stengel showing off their crazy style. 2) Mr. Brandush, Mr. Werling, and Mr. Coil looking good as usual. 3) Katie Gasporovic (9), Alyssa Kersey (9), Olivia Dehaan (9) 4) Shane McCatherty (10) and Tyler Dulin (11) showing off some stylin' hats. 5) Kassie Mooney (10) and Mallory Swisher (10). 6) Seniors Mallory Pratt and Megan Rodenbucher show off their best mix matches. 7) Some freshman girls showing what the 80s' were all about. 8) Some of Mrs. Skurka's students take a picture on hat day!

"I'm obsessed with the 80's and feel like I should have been born in the 80's." - Arielle Krajcik (12)



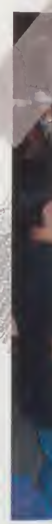




"I know it's lame but I felt famous for the night!"
-Diana Neff, senior

Homecoming is a time of tradition and spirit, when downtown the shop windows are painted and cars drive around with their windows covered in black, red, and white. This year the Red Devils met up with the Hobart Brickies at the Inferno. After the game followed the first informal Homecoming dance. It was a great way to celebrate a huge victory! Homecoming, which fell on Friday, September 26, 2008, started with a pep rally, featuring performances by the dance team and the cheerleaders. There were also speeches given by the football captains. Derek Hammons, a senior, said his favorite part of the pep rally was, "Nick Schultz's speech because of the little motion he did. It was very encouraging." Before the game the parking lot filled with tons of tailgaters and the sound of country music. The game kicked off at 7 p.m., with the Devils over taking the Brickies fast. Coach Kennedy said, "I felt that we were well prepared for the game. We got off to a fast start which led to a big lead. We later lost focus and Hobart made a comeback but we held on for a victory." At halftime, seniors Diana Neff and Kyle Busekros were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Diana Neff said, "It felt pretty good! I never would have guessed I would have won! I know its lame but I felt famous for the night! Ha-ha!" The Devils defeated Hobart 35-32 that night. The dance followed the game with everyone excited from the great victory. It was a fun time as everyone crowded the dance floor. Hopefully, everyone will remember Homecoming' 08'!
By Heather Bafia





1) Students crowd the dance floor after the game to dance with the Homecoming Queen. 2) Seniors PJ Lynch, Steven Rankin, Brian DeMario, Heather Bafia, and Natalie Ford pose after an intense game of mud volleyball. 3) At the pep rally on Homecoming there was a tug-of-war between the grades, which ended in an upset when the freshmen beat the seniors. 4) Even after Homecoming was over, the festivities continued until Sunday, when the weekend ended with our first annual Mud Volleyball Tournament. 5) The Homecoming Court walks off the field after the king and queen were announced. 6) Long before the game even starts, fans already crowd the bleachers to get a good seat. 7) Senior girls Heather Bafia and Diana Neff pose with senior football player Brian Demario before the big game. 8) Senior Homecoming King and Queen Kyle Busekros and Diana Neff share a dance after the game.


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"The excitement of the school and the tradition of the Homecoming activities are my favorite part of Homecoming week!" -Coach Kennedy

Homecoming



Jobs

"I feel like this is my second home. Seriously."
Shawnda King, junior
employed at McDonald's

"I have the best job in the world!" - Kimmy Partyka, senior

Long hours, horrible working conditions, minimal pay. These are the classic characteristics of a teenager working in a minimum wage job. But somehow, teenagers persevere and continue to work. Whether it's to pay for gas, car insurance, or the cell phone bill, making money continues to be a top priority for Lowell High School students. "I really don't mind working, I think it's kind of fun. I like the people I work with,"says junior Sarah Plant, who works at McDonald's.

Some students worked diligently at their jobs, but unfortunately are no longer employed. "I was terminated by my manager. It kind of hurt my feelings," says senior Nathan Hess. He previously worked at the Coldstone Creamery in Crown Point. Unemployment suits some students, whose parents don't think they should work during the school year. Kim Partyka, a senior, jokes about not having a job. "I have the best job in the world!" she laughs.

Teenagers have busy schedules, but those who need to, always make room for their jobs. It is an expensive world that we live in, and there are gas tanks to be filled and fashionable clothes to be bought.





1) Danielle Daugherty(11), Paige Iliff(12), and Hannah Burns(10) love Schoops! 2)Chris Chavez(12) working hard and stocking shelves at County Market. 3) Brant Williams(11) and Geena Bartolini(12) sling some pizzas at Pizza House. 4) Sometimes you gotta take a break, just ask Shawnda King(11). 5) Val Bank(12) and Austin Davis(12) enjoying some cookies at Micky D's. 6) Some employees at KFC gather with friends for a group shot.





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"People need to start wearing their clothes wrinkled so I don't look out of place."
Jake Lamb,
Senior

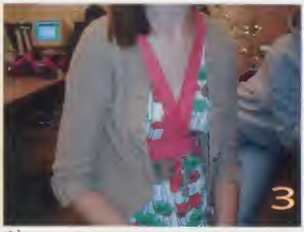
"Fall fashion is all about the fleece"
-Valerie Bank, Senior

What is fashion? Wikipedia says that the terms "fashionable" and "unfashionable" are employed to describe whether someone or something fits in with the current or even not so current, popular mode of expression. The term "fashion" is frequently used in a positive sense, as a synonym for glamour, beauty and style. In this sense, fashions are a sort of communal art through which a culture examines its notions of beauty and goodness. Webster's dictionary says that Fashion is a prevailing custom or style of dress, etiquette, socializing, etc. Fashion at Lowell High School is much less what is in and what isn't, but a collaboration of patterns and styles that people use to truly express themselves. Your clothes are the very first thing someone sees so it's no wonder it is so important in our culture.

This fall, while there are new items popping up on the scene, many of the most fashionable styles are versions of familiar tastes. As usual, classic designs such as cozy scarves, warms sweaters, and fuzzy boots are seen across the fall scene. "Fall fashion is all about the scarves." -Valerie Bank (12) A new addition however that seems to be picking up is the wearing of moccasins. In all colors and designs classic, simple moccasins are warming feet of both men and women this fall.







1) Austin Davis (12) and Kandice Ausdemore (12) pose with Oscar sporting the final outcome of all the fall fashion do's. Lookin' good! 2) These cute open legged short cut fleece lined boots keep girls warm and stylish as the leaves begin to falll. 3) As the transition to winter begins, fun summer tops like these can still be worn, but a cozy open sweater atop gives it that fall hint. 4) Warm fuzzy moccasins like this are a must this fall. 5) Traditional style fleece-lined boots like these are still being seen hugging jeans and the fall scene. 6) Warm moccasins and dark wash jeans are a classic combo for fall.

Fall Fashion

Halloween

"I love him so much. He's a great man."
-Mike Holloway, senior

"He's here! Barack Obama is here!" Thousands of people crowd into Wicker Park on the evening of October 31st, welcoming the presidential candidate (and now president) to "The Region". Mike Holloway, a senior, yells profusely, welcoming him along with forty thousand other attendees. "I love him so much. He's a great man," he sighs, tears welling in his eyes.

Back in Lowell, two undefeated teams go head to head, vying for a spot to advance to the next sectional round. The Red Devils faced off against Plymouth, scraping by with a win in overtime. At the buzzer, the two teams were tied 14-14, going into overtime. A fabulous interception by senior Ryan Russnak gave the Devils a chance to score, and junior Brandon Grubbe had the game-winning touchdown. The Red Devils finished the game with a 20-14 victory, and there was madness in the student section. Heather Bafia, a senior, remembers the experience. "The whole student section started getting louder, with chants of 'RDP' and 'Devils'. When we intercepted the ball, the whole crowd went crazy because we knew we had won already." With this win the Devils advanced to play Southbend Clay, who they defeated 49-20 the following week.

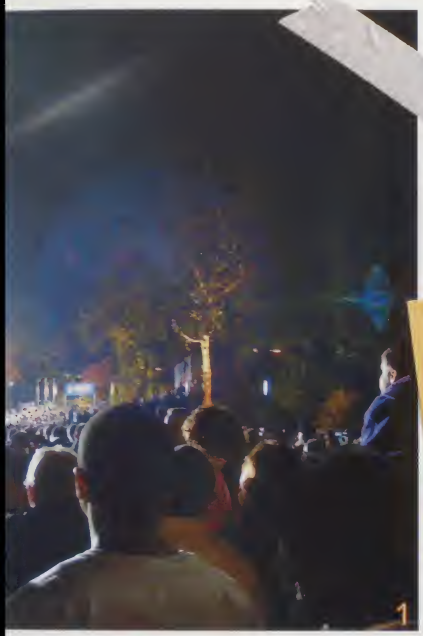
In addition to the political excitement and the football madness, traditional trick-or-treating was still prevalent around Lowell. Highschoolers and younger children alike roamed the streets, collecting candy from friendly neighbors. "I still like to trick-or-treat even though I might be too old," says senior Kyle Busekros, who wore a scary mask for a costume.

Halloween was as good as ever this year, with plenty of tricks AND treats to go around. It is a spooky time of year, especially due to the Lowell Academic Teams' famed "Haunted Trail". The team worked really hard to be scary, and everyone would agree they succeeded. This Halloween was great on many levels, and will be remembered.



"Barack Obama should have come to the football game, he could've spoken to all of Lowell. He would've been famous!"
Bob Black, senior

1) Forty thousand onlookers are captivated by Barack Obama's address to Northwest Indiana at the rally in Highland on Halloween. 2) Junior Kristen Anderson, senior Erika Feitz, senior Katie Sharkey, senior Olivia Mucha, and senior Kim Partyka get all gussed up for the Haunted Trail in Mr. Gianotti's room. 3) Senior Mal Pratt gets rough in her biker woman attire. 4) Sophomore Andrew Hernthaisong shows off his feminine side on Halloween. 5) Academic Teams coach Mr. Gianotti lays out the game plan before the Haunted Trail, a horrifying experience put on by the members of the academic teams.





"Halloween gives me a rash." -Austin Davis, senior








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"There's holes in my suit and you can see my..."-Bob Black (12)

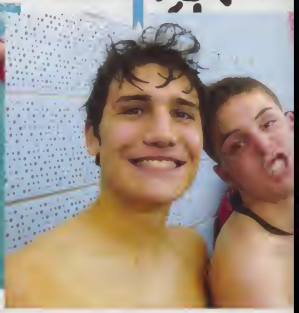


"I love swimming; I love it so much I might be a fish."-Bob Black

The announcer says take your mark. Senior, Bob Black steps onto the starting block as he gets ready to swim the 100 fly. After the race is over senior, Bob Black steps out of the pool and throws his hands up in victory shouting, "I love swimming; I love it so much I might be a fish." He isn't the only one on the boys swim team that enjoys a good swim though. I got the chance to talk to other members of the boy's team to see how they felt about swimming and their season. Sophomore Reese Plank said, "This year was filled with new faces that helped us to pose a threat to other teams." Even though the boys didn't move on past sectionals they still had a great season where they were constantly cheered on by their enthusiastic fans which included the girl's swim team and their amazing coaches who constantly pushed them to do their best. Chris Herring, a sophomore, when speaking of his teammates said, "I feel like I've known them my entire life." Without a doubt the boy's team bonded as they have never before this year and next year will be a new experience since they lose some of their most crucial boy swimmers as they move on to a college.

1) Swim team 2) Joao Garcia (12), Mike Besaw (11), Ries Plank (10), and Nate Hess (12) posing for a picture at their swim meet. 3) Best friends Ries Plank (10) and Bob Black (12) at a swim meet. 4) Ries Plank (10) acting like a fish at swim practice. 5) Joao Garcia (12) and Nate Hess (12) smiling for the camera while waiting for their event. 6) Bob Black (12) dominating his race at a swim meet.

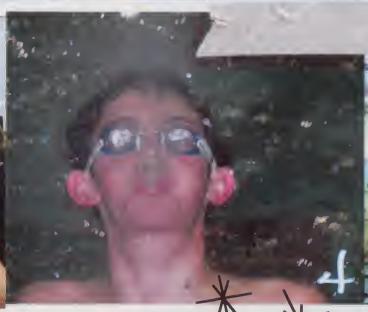




Boys Swimming









"I swim all the TIME."
-Amanda Davila (12)



1) Allison Johnson (10) swimming the backstroke at a meet. 2) Kayleigh Smith (11) and Sumaiyah Ahmad (11) pose for a picture while Alyssa Stengal (10) jumps in the background. 3) Best friends Amanda Davila (12) and Autumn Prasco (12) take a picture together at their swim meet. 4) Autumn Prasco (12) diving at a swim meet. 5) The girls' swim team socializing at a swim meet. 6) Girls' swimming team photo.

"At meets you best believe we were the loudest ones cheering both for our swimmers and divers who both played a big part in our successful season." -Sumaiyah Ahmad

An average swimmer burns around 900 calories in a two hour span. That is dedication and hard work which is exactly what the Lowell girl's swim team is made of. Not only do the girl's work hard but they also have fun bonding with their team. Amanda Davila, a senior, said, "The big swim sleepover was definitely one of my favorite things this swim season." After spending so much time together whether at the pool or outside at team outing they came together like a close family. "At meets you best believe we were the loudest ones cheering both for our swimmers and divers who both played a big part in our successful season," said Captain Sumaiyah Ahmad, a junior. Even though many of the girl's did not make it past sectionals like the boy's swim team they had a great season, filled with many great memories and inside jokes. This year Bridgette Ruehl like past years made it to the state finals for swimming. "She did a great job and I'm proud of her," said junior and Captain Kayleigh Smith. To sum up this year the girl's would have to agree, "We love Opat and Sherry!"



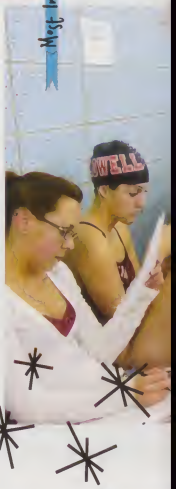
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Girls' Swimming



I feel like I've known you my entire life!!

-Anonymous







Good luck Matt

"The coaches were great, they never gave up on us." - senior Keith Greer

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Boys' Basketball

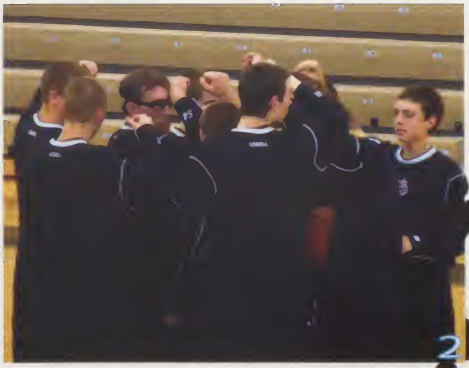




Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
West Side	54	70
Hebron	87	49
Bishop Noll	48	46
Hammond Gavit	68	59
Hanover	55	50
Hammond High	55	70
Highland	40	36
Lake Central	60	67
Kankakee Valley	73	52
Boone Grove	43	50
Andrean	60	51
Crown Point	46	65
Hammond Morton	53	51

1)Ray Skamay (11) walks over to defend his opponent. 2)The Red Devils teaming it up before a big game. 3)The team and coaches stand for the national anthem before a home game. 4)Austin Richie (10) spots up from behind the 3-point line for a shot. 5)Joe Bell (11) and Trevor Kersey (12) communicate while playing good defense. 6)Brandon Grubbe (11) bends over to catch a breath during a free throw. 7)Matt Hilbrich (10) looks at the rim before he shoots his free throw. 8)Keith Greer (12) Directs the offense on what to do during a big home game.





"Green Zone"

The season went good, and the team progressed game after game. They went through some hardships but overcame them as much as possible. "The coaches were good and very encouraging, and don't forget the Green Zone" says senior Keith Greer. "They never gave up on us," said Junior Joe Bell. I think most players and coaches would agree that the Andrean game was a great game in which they won. "We're all good friends," says Greer, and the team got along good. This year was a good group of guys and the team chemistry is there. They started off really strong with a 5-1 record but as the season went on the teams got tougher and the team began to fall apart. New comers Jordan Muscari, Senior, and Austin Richie, sophomore, were great contributors to the team. Sophomore, Austin Richie and Junior, Joe Bell will return next season and try to improve the team. "Next year we're gonna' dominate," says Joe Bell. Good season guys and good luck next year.

Co-MVP



Joe Bell/Austin Richie

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JV Basketball

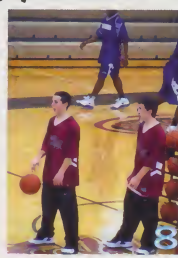












Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Hammond Morton	37	46
Crown Point	34	28
Hobart	41	44
Boone Grove	46	30
Andrean	46	41
Kankakee Valley	46	39
Lake Central	21	48
Highland	25	27
Hammond High	35	37
Hanover Central	35	52
Gavit	40	44
Bishop Noll Institute	41	44
Hebron	47	44
West Side	29	75

Sportsmanship - David Stang





Freshman Basketball

1) Austin Magley (10) defends his opponent. 2) Lowell gets a speech from Coach. 3) Josh Henshilwood (10) guards number 21. 4) Lowell freshman basketball players take a break on the bench. 5) Lowell number 42 passes to Seth Auten (9). 6) Lowell shows their side of defense. 7) David Stang (10) goes up and scores for 2pts. 8) Cole Midgett (10) and Austin Magley (10) warm up before the game. 9) Lowell shows their respect by shaking hands. 10) Lowells David Stang (10) jumps for the rebound. 11) Lowell defends the offense.









Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Hammond Morton	41	47
Lake Central	21	32
Crown Point	22	34
Merrillville	35	37
Gavit	43	47
Andrean	22	32
Portage	15	20
Wheeler	27	55
Munster	30	58
Calumet	30	48
Kankakee Valley	34	58
Hebron	41	48
Crown Point	36	34
Hobart	16	38



Sportsmanship - Nick Kuljuran

"Give everything you got, and make us carry you off the court" - Jason Parker, Sophomore

The JV basketball team was a strong willed team and would fight every time no matter what, no team would walk away with an easy win from these guys. "Give everything you got, and make us carry you off the court" says sophomore Jason Parker. They started off a little slow, but with the leadership of David Stang and Jason Parker they pulled through and became a very tough team to beat towards the end of the season. They improved tremendously and were a tough competitor toward the middle and end of the season. These boys have a lot to look forward to when they become varsity players. "Coach Harker always said Play hard and have fun" says sophomore Drew Langen.

This year the freshman boys had a bit of a rough season. They struggled within themselves to find a win. As the season went on the players grew stronger and closer as a team. They had trouble and they were going into there own tournament with no wins. They played as tough as they could and beat 2 teams including Rensselaer and South Newton to win the tournament, so I guess the regular season prepared them for this tournament and they improved extremely well. Freshman Nick Willison always said, "Leave it all on the court". And they did that and succeeded in the tournament. Good luck next year, to both teams.

"I can't wait till I can get a chance to play varsity."

Nick Kuljuran (9)

Girls' Basketball







"Big Girls"
-sophomore Carissa Thiel







Mallory Lampa (11)

Gretchen Barker (12)



Amanda Underwood (11)



Katie Utley (12)



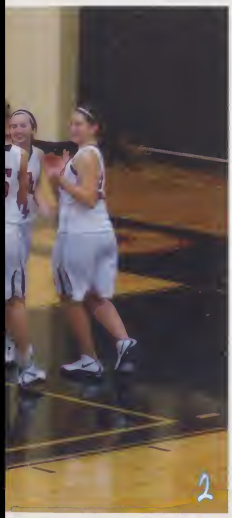
Brooke Kuiper (11)



Anna Sacco (9)



Erin Gavelek (12)



"Even though we had only one win we still gave it our all and always put up a fight."

- Mal Lampa (11)

In sports there are always good years and then there are the bad years. Any team that experiences an unlucky year can tell you they are glad they encountered the hard times. Many lessons can be learned from a loss and then the next year a team comes out stronger than before. The LHS girls' varsity basketball team may not have had the season they wanted but there is no doubt they will learn and eventually be a major contender in the area. The team got their only win of the season at the Carroll Tournament, something junior Jessica Schiessle describes as "a great moment." Though the team only had one win, they came very close to winning more. "Even though we had only one win we still gave it our all and always put up a fight," says junior Mal Lampa. There is a lot of talent on this team and on the younger teams, making for a very bright future for girls basketball at Lowell High School.



Scoreboard

Team Name	Us	Them
North Newton	36	44
Hammond High	25	47
Hammond Morton	48	50
Hanover	39	57
Crown Point	19	45
Kankakee Valley	34	55
Munster	40	48
Highland	47	33
Andrean	27	61
Bishop Noll	39	41
Merrillville	20	61
Hobart	27	62
Lake Central	31	54
Boone Grove	34	45

1) The team huddles together to discuss the game plan during half time. 2) The girls celebrated after Jessica Schiessle (11) lands her free throw. 3) Jessica Schiessle (11) schools her opponent. 4) Carissa Thiel (10) Gretchen Barker (12) and Amanda Underwood (11) set up another play. 5) Mallory Lampa (11) tries to decide where to pass. 6) Katie Utley (12) shows her dominance on the court.

Scoreboard

Team Name	Us	Them
North Newton	45	11
Hammond High School	41	19
Hammond Morton	33	14
Hanover	34	30
Crown Point	13	33
Kankakee Valley	38	40
Munster	24	33
Highland	19	23
Andrean	32	20
Bishop Noll	31	12
Merrillville	19	27
Hobart	19	24
Lake Central	29	14
Griffith	23	31



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"We really came together and played off each other's strengths."-Megan Gramhofer, freshman

This year's junior varsity basketball squad was a promising group. Even though the varsity struggled this year, the younger girls showed what the future holds for the basketball program. A key to success in every sport is teamwork and this team really came together this year to show what they were made of. "We really came together and played off each other's strengths," says Megan Gramhofer, a freshman. A few of the girls were able to help out the varsity team and some even made an impact in games, a sure sign of what is to come. With a great coaching staff and girls that really enjoy playing together, the future is bright for the LHS girls basketball program.

1) The action gets heated under the hoop during a game. 2) The ball flies loose on the court. 3) Megan Gramhofer (9) looks to make a pass under pressure. 4) The team gets some strategies during a time out. 5) Megan Gramhofer (9) plays some stellar defense.

Girls JV Basketball

Girls Freshman Basketball





"I can't wait to see how this team develops as the years go on."–Ashley Starcevich (9)

Every great basketball player has to start somewhere; in high school the starting point is the freshman team. This year's freshman team went far beyond their own expectations. The team came together and their friendships off the court helped them achieve more success on the court. Ashley Starcevich, a freshman, says on the future of the girls' basketball team, "I can't wait to see how this team develops as the years go on." If the team keeps up their teamwork and keeps improving, they will eventually be the stars of the region's best basketball team.





1) The team takes a break on the court after a free throw. 2) Kerri Ann Paris (9) keeps her eye on the prize. 3) Some teammates watch from the side line and cheer on their team. 4) Ashley Starcevich (9) gives her best defense.

Scoreboard

Team Name	Us	Them
Hobart	16	38
Crown Point	34	36
Hebron	41	48
Kankakee Valley	34	58
Calumet	30	48
Munster	30	58
Wheeler	27	55
Portage	15	28
Andrean	32	32
Gavit	43	47
Merrillville	36	37
Crown Point	22	34
Lake Central	21	32
Hammond Morton	41	47



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Wrestling

"This was my last season and by far the best. It was truly a season to remember."



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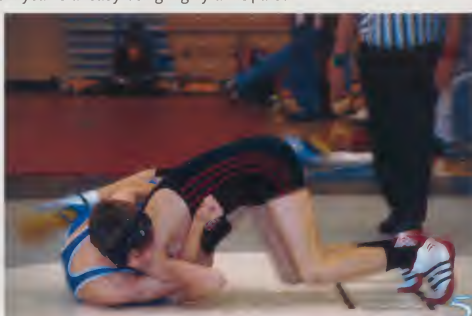
Often times wrestling is thought of as an individual sport but this year's wrestling team at LHS proved that wrong. When one wrestler went down, the whole team felt the impact and throughout the season, the team came together to cheer each other on and help one another improve. "This was my last season and by far the best. It was truly a season to remember," says senior Kurt Monix. Junior Nathan Cleveland and senior Kurt Monix were the only two to wrestle in the state finals this year but there were many other who had success in the season as well. This year the team had a new coaching staff and they helped put new energy into the experience. A favorite moment the team agrees on is a bet with the outcome being the coaches having to grow mustaches. All around, the season was a success and next year is already being highly anticipated.



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Co-Most Valuable



Most Falls



Varsity Sportsmanship



Co-Most Leadership



Freshmen Sportsmanship

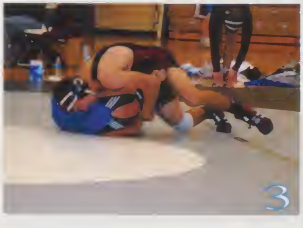


Most Improved



Iron Man

"Be the kid that everybody wants to watch but nobody wants to wrestle" - Coach Willmann



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Scoreboard

Griffith	51	27
York Town	12	63
Hobart	27	40
Floyd Central	26	39
Lefayette Jeff	33	32
Munster	37	36
Highland	48	27
Kankakee	28	33
Andrean	52	18
Boone Grove	54	15
Manteno	40	39
Hammod Clark	60	24

1) Deron Johnson gets 1st place in Lake County. 2) Senior Jake Lamb wrestles at the Lowell Duels. 3) Senior Kurt Monix also wrestles at the Lowell Duels. 4) Senior Kurt Monix takes down another opponent at the Lowell Duels. 5) Jake Lamb pins an opponent. 6) Kurt Monix wrestles yet ANOTHER opponent at Lowell. 7) Junior Nathan Cleveland wins an important match. 8) Senior Deron Johnson wrestles an opponent.

Gymnastics

"Whoooahhhwoooooo," Ryann

Gymnastics is a sport where you have to focus. We spend hours a week in the gym going over our routines, critiquing what the judges don't like about them and trying to challenge ourselves with new skills. "I love working on my skills and trying to make my routines harder," said sophomore Valarie Gasparovic. This year we now have something to show for all of our hard work. At the beginning of our season we set a goal for our selves, and that was to reach a 90. We not only received a 90, we passed it up we were also able to win three meets and place second in a few invites and tri-meets. Gymnastics is truly a self-sport. In gymnastics it's just you all alone on the middle of the floor, you have no one pushing you but yourself and the team cheering you on. When you think about it, gymnastics doesn't seem fun: startling the beam, falling off the bars, running straight into the vault, skin ripping off your hands. You might wonder why gymnasts do what they do, and honestly we wonder why too. But the thrill you get when you finally land or understand a new skill, or when you get the score you've been striving for is when you realize why. Kaitlyn Rodenbucher, a sophomore, said, "I love gymnastics so much. Once I learn some thing new I'm so proud of myself." Before every meet all of the gymnasts go to the floor, and the captains give a quick pep talk. Then we do a team cheer. "Whoooahhhwoooooo, is my favorite part of the new cheer," says Ryann Karras sophmore. This year we saw alot of promising talent. We have a young team, just wait for next year!









1) Jorydan Reed (9) in the middle of a flyaway dismount off of the high bar. 2) The whole gymnastics team after their first win against Plymouth. 3) Jordan Rothrock (9) warming up her half on half off vault before a meet. 4) Alison Manchester (9) soaring off of her half on half off vault during a meet. 5) Kaitlyn Rodenbucher (10) and Valarie Gasparovic, (10) poising while warming up on beam before a meet. 6) Britteny Ashe (9) setting up scores. 7) Mr. Bales, Athletic Director, giving the team a positive pep talk after there second win against Hobart. 8) Kaitlyn Rodenbucher (10) doing a back somersault on beam. 9) Brittany Haddon (10), Ally Clark (9), and Krysta Mudd (10) showing off their smiles before the last home meet.



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Co-Most Improved



Kaitlyn Rodenbucher (10), Jordan Rothrock (9)



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Amanda Hendricks (10)



Becca Godders (9)

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Brittany Haddon (10)



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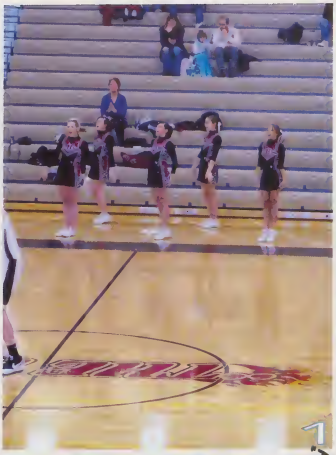


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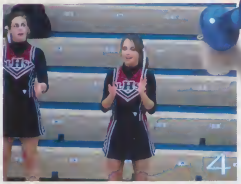


Valarie Gasparovic (10)









1) The girls cheerin' on the boys baske team. 2) Just finished an intense cheer Keepin the crowd alive! 4) Olivia DeHaan (9) Unknown (9) 5 Alexandria Zeiter (10) and A girl with the name of Reed (9) 6) The team posin'

"Dynamite comes in small packages" -Mrs. Lenzo



The 2008-2009 cheerleading season went very well this year. The team got along very well and felt like more of a family when they were together. Although there were countless great moments for the team they went through their fair share of difficulties. The team had to rebuild itself, which was quiet the struggle, but in the end it strengthened the team and made them better. The competition at Munster was the event that stood out in a very positive way when the girls took first place. The coaches were the best and worked well with the kids, and the girls got along well with each other and developed strong bonds. "Dynamite comes in small packages" said Mrs. Lenzo, was a meaningful quote for the team. The girls look back on this year as the beginning of a new cheerleading team. With all the room for success the program will only get better from hear on out.









Co-Most Improved - Ashley Ulanowski

Co-Most Athletic Allison Thompson

"Dynamite comes in small packages" -Mrs. Lenzo

Cheerleading







7) The girls cheerin' their team on. 8) A break in between cheers. 9) Four freshmen cheerleaders 10) In the midst of a cheer. 11) Girls excited after a big competition. 12) Cheering on the sidelines at a basketball game. 13) Taking a well-deserved break between cheers. 14) The girls prepping before competition

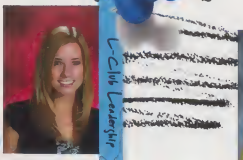








C-Club Leadership



JV Sportsmanship



Co-Mental Attitude



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Varsity Sportsmanship





Dance Team



"Coming face to face with long time love Jim White"- senior Ashley Kronsell

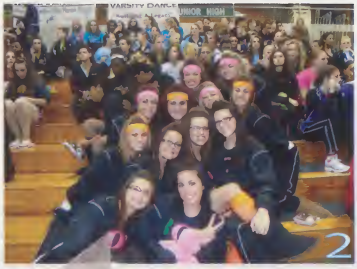
The 2008-2009 dance season was challenging, yet unforgettable. The reigning 2008 state champions had high expectations set by themselves and the school body. The team came out and performed at numerous pep rally's, football games, and basketball games. The combo of these performances and tough practices helped prepare the team for another amazing season. The team competed at 5 competitions including regionals and state. The hard work payed off when the Devilins took 5th out of 12th in the hip hop and poms categories at State. The season ended on a good note with many memories made along the road. Senior captain Ashley Kronsell said her most missed memory will be, "Coming face to face with long time love Jim White aka Dale Welch." Junior Caption Lauren Fitzgerald said what she is going to miss most is,"The three fun years being with all the seniors, because I came into Lowell not knowing a single soul and when they were sophomores everyone was friends with me from the start. Im also going to miss every single one of the seniors."All the girls on the team were honored this year to support the school with their spirit. This years season will be another year to remember with 8 seniors graduating, and the 2 best coaches ever, retiring. The Devilins have come along way to prove themselves as dancers, teammates, and friends and they hope to keep it that way for many years to come!







1) 10)The dance teams poms picture (left to right) Front Row: Nicole Rzonca(12), Ashley Grady(12), Ashley Kronsell(12), Ashley Stanford(11). Second Row: Ashley Powers(12), Bevie Stengel(12), Brittany Bakken(12), Lauren Fitzgerald(11), Heather Bafia(12). Third Row: Amy Mihalich(12), Brandy Matthews(9), and Chassie Schultz(11). 2) The team waits for the awards ceremony to start at Regionals. 3) Ashley Kronsell(12) does Bevie Stengel's(12) make-up for their hip hop performance. 4) 7 of the 8 seniors pose with coaches Bridgett Hofman and Donna Kronsell while waiting for senior night to start. 5) The whole team poses for a quick picture before they go to perform their hip hop routine at the State Competition. 6) The 8 Seniors say their goodbyes at the end of the season dinner. 7) Seniors Ashley Kronsell and Amy Mihalich pose with their all time love "Jim White". 8) Senior Ashley Kronsell takes a picture with Coach Bridgett and Donna after they got caked smashed in their face at the end of the season dinner. 9) The seniors before leaving for their first competition. 10) The team takes a hip hop picture with some attitude after performing their routine at the Lake Central Competition. 11) Captions Lauren Fitzgerald(11), Ashley Kronsell(12), and Amy Mihalich hold the 5th place poms trophey at the State competition.



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"Poms on three, poms on three 1, 2, 3 POMS" - Coach Bridget


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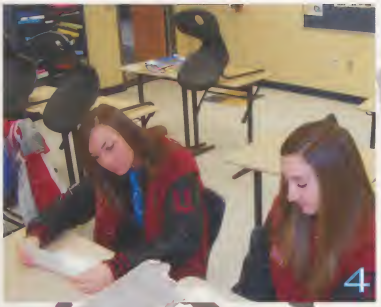
"Step up and Stand out"
- FFA club



Let's get this game going!
- Andy Bright (11)







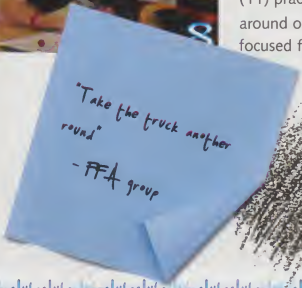








1) The FFA guys on the bus ride home from a field trip. 2) Nathan Heabel (9) poses for a quick picture at DND. 3) Ian Goldsmith (9) sits and jams at unplugged club. 4) Danielle Savich (10) and Jamie Schiessle (10) look over some papers for student council. 5) Colton Martin (12) and Matt Wilkerson (12) get ready for the game. 6) The DND club discusses what's going on in the game. 7) Ian Goldsmith (9) and Cameron Davis (11) play a little guitar while warming up. 8) Andy Bright (11) sits and plans his strategy. 9) Cameron Davis (11) practices a song. 10) Dave Stuer (12) and John Heabel (12) wrestle around on a field trip. 11) Ryan Hartoonian (12) and Bobby Campbell (12) get focused for the game.





Clubs

1) Nicole Starcevich(12) and Paige Illiff(12) sit on the bus for FFA. 2) Danielle Savich(10) listens closely while at a student council meeting. 3) The FFA girls on a field trip. 4) The French Club Captins. 5) TJ Weberg(12) stand on the bus supporting his diaper. 6) Mr. Gianotti shows his support to his academic teams after they won a big invite. 7) Colton Martin(12) stops his game to take a "quick pic." 8) The French Club stop discussing Mardi Gras to take a picture. 9) Senior Colton Martin poses for a picture during a Dungeons and Dragons meeting. 10) Seniors Courtney "Csta" Stahl and Kyle Busekros get serious at a Spellbowl meet.


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"Clubs enable students to realize the joys of helping out others and the community."

Clubs are literally classified as a group of people organized for a social, literary, athletic, or political purpose. Many of the students can not even name all of the clubs at Lowell High School because very little information is known about them. But what we should know, is that from the variety of clubs we have to offer we can learn new skills and accomplish many goals.

In the past years and ones to come success has and will be found in the activities clubs perform. Success is measured individually when you correctly spell a word or make a new friend, and it can also be measured in a team when you win state in Decathlon or when you donate the most food for a food drive. "I think that high schoolers learn valuable and practical life experiences from clubs," said Megan Mayhew, a senior,

"Clubs enable students to realize the joys of helping out others and the community."

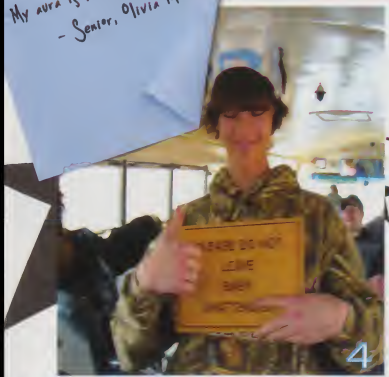
Not only do students enjoy participation in clubs, but our teachers see satisfaction when we come together and learn while having fun. "I choose to be a club leader in order to try out new opportunities to broaden the horizons of our school's extracurricular choices," said Mr. Brandush, advisor of the Dungeons and Dragons Club.

The student body and the teachers agree that clubs help us shape who we are. Whether we like to participate in only one club or as many as possible they are an important part of our lives. So when you consider joining clubs look at all your possibilities because they are endless.



"My aura is purple!"
- Senior, Olivia Mucha







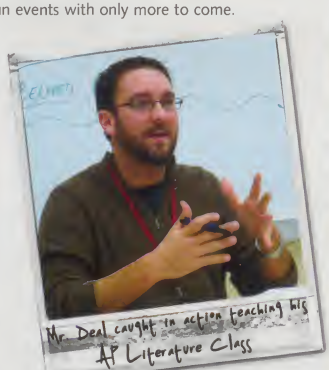


"Mr. Withered makes human geography come alive"
- P.J. Lynch (12)

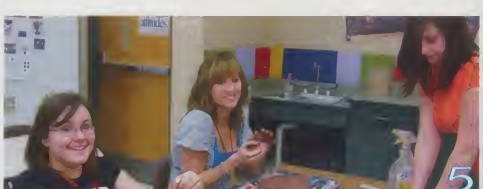
"I have a present for you Megan, it's the plague!"

- Mr.Deal

When many people think of academics they think of boring standardized tests and homework. But at Lowell High School the teachers make learning an experience. P.J. Lynch (12) says, "Mr. Withered makes Human Geography come alive." This semester our Humanities I class learned about the medieval times by giving over half the school "the plague." "I have a present for you Megan, it's the plague!", said by Mr. Deal during the event filled day. The Shakespeare class was able to see a live play by a professional studio. Throughout the semester there have been many fun events with only more to come.



Mr. Deal caught in action teaching his AP Literature Class





1) Austin Davis (12), Olivia Mucha (12), Kandice Ausdemore (12), and Jourdan Eastling (12) performing Mamma Mia for their Yearbook class. 2) Deana Arndt (12) playing dead for a reading of Much Ado About Nothing in Mrs.Magley's Dramatic Literature class. 3) David Weiand's (12) creative mind at work as he works on a painting assignment in Studio Art. 4) First row: from left; Chelsea Gross (12), Grant Sheridan (10), Kandice Ausdemore (12). Second row; Jordan Eastling (12), Valerie Gasparovic (10). Third row; Valerie Bank (12), Emily McGinnis (12), Heather Bafia (12), Evan Gruhlke (12). Fourth row; Austin Davis (12) Nick Schultz (12) Kevin Hofsteadter (11), Josh King (12) all posing beautifuly in their Yearbook Class after a party celebrating the life of Grant Sheridan. 5)students enjoying creating assignments out of clay. 6) Some students in Physical Education shoot hoops before given direction.



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Danny Vensel (12) looking creepy as he studies with Zac Wierzma (12) and Katie Shurkey (12). Shane Wood, also a senior, watches from the distance.









"Hypothesis: Imma laugh."
-Brian Degomer, senior

1) Cody Jordan (11), and Derek Propes (11) watch as Shelly Kralek (10), makes her volcano erupt during science class. 2) Mr. Magruder brought in his falcon to show off to the Humanities One classes. 3) Students and their creative minds hard at work in Ms.Thomas' painting class. 4) Courtney "CSta" Stahl (12) working out in the weight room. 5) Students taking notes in Advanced Placement U.S. History. 6) Danny Vensel (12) showing off his soon to be beautiful statue in art class. 7) Mr. Deal's AP Lit class gets a new student.

Special Education

"I really like going on the field trips! They are fun and I learn a lot"

The special education students in Mrs. Bilski's moderate classroom participate in a Lifeskills curriculum. They attend community based instruction and go on many outings to learn and work in a real-world setting. "I really like going on the field trips! They are fun and I learn a lot", says Dana Kersey (senior). Another important component of the moderate program is the inclusion of general education students with special education students and this is achieved through the Peer Tutor program. This year, Mrs. Bilski's peer tutor program has many student volunteers from the L-club. The peer tutors help the special education students with functional academics, cooking projects, rec&leisure activities, and social skills. "The Peer Tutor Program is probably one of the most effective learning experiences", says Mrs. Bilski. "The special ed students benefit from the one on one instruction and interaction with their peers and the peer tutors benefit by learning tolerance and teaching experience." Many of Mrs. Bilski's students participate in Special Olympics such as volleyball, skiing, bowling, basketball, and track&field. "Our basketball team won state championship this year for the second year in a row!" sophomore Jayson Dahlin proudly stated.





"Our basketball team won state championship this year for the second year in a row!" Jayson Dahlin (10)





The dances are so fun! - Nick Parker (12)











1) Baking with the peer tutors. 2) The students on the special Olympic ski trip. 3) The class poses at the special education dance. 4) The 2009 basketball team takes a picture after winning the state championship for the second year in a row. 5) The students prepare for the work study program. 6) The students at the Kilwin's chocolate factory. 7) The Special Olympic basketball team takes a picture after winning state. 8) The class dines at Northwoods restaurant. 9) The volleyball team poses for a picture as the 2009 state volleyball championship.

Band & Choir











1) At the "Chocolate is Love" concert, an actual chocolate fountain bubbles beautifully for the hungry guests. 2) Senior Gretchen Barker serenades sophomore Isaac Autgen. 3) The choir dances and performs during "Chocolate is Love" 4) Choir girls take a seat and belt out a slow song. 5) Junior Branden Tomlins and the "Juggle Roll". 6) The Pep Band cheering on the basketball team. 7) Junior Anthony Cirelli jams out. 8) Band members read their music intently as they make sweet, sweet music. 9) The band preparing for a concert. 10) Sweet drumline! 11) Sophomore Mal Swisher and junior Avery Heilman make a little magic onstage.



"If you can get away with it, do it!" -Mr. Killion

This winter has been full of progress for the band program. With many soloists and ensembles going to the state level through ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) we had much excitement in the music department. This is only accomplished by, of course, getting a gold in a group one piece of music. Many that made it to the state level even received gold, only making the band as a whole progressively better.

This year's Jazz Ensemble received a gold medal for the third year in a row at the ISSMA Jazz Festival. With this gold the only thing left the band needs to receive the ISSMA All Music Award is a gold medal at concert competition in April. To get there, Mr. Killion inspires his students with the mantra, "If you can get away with it, do it!" which means improvisation is good if you can get away with it.

At this year's "Fine Arts Night" you may have seen members of the band, including the Jazz Ensemble, the Clarinet Choir, and some state level soloists, filling the halls with music. Many displaying their medal winning contest pieces, and even just a little showing off (see top of page 135). Nevertheless, this was just one of the times that the students were able to perform at a public venue. This ended a successful winter season for the band, and set the stage for an even more enjoyable future.







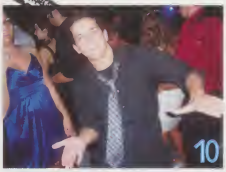


"Awesome. Awesome. Awesome. Awesome...." -Lowell Drum-Line

Winter Formal













"The field house was the most romantic setting I could ask for" - senior, Kim Partyka

1) Kayla Billingsley(11), Brittany Gruszkowski(11), Lauren Nowocin(10), and Lauren Fitzgerald(11) dance to the "Cha Cha Slide." 2) Tony DeMarti(11) and Kathleen O'Leary(11) share a hug as they dance together. 3) Kesli Blankenship(11) has fun amongst the crowd at Winter Formal 09'. 4) A Guest along with his date Nicole Sgouroudis(11), Kayla Barker(11) and Evan Ensweiler(11) take time out of dancing to pose for a picture. 5) Guest Darius Draper(10), Valarie Gasparovic(10), Rebecca Gruhlke(10), and Josh Henshilwood(10) take lots of pictures before the dance starts. 6) Couple Trevor Kersey(12) and Lauren Corning(11) have a little fun on the dance floor. 7) Jordan Lump(11) and Zach Norcutt(11) pose under the walkway decoration. 8) Seniors Val Bank, Diana Neff, Heather Bafia, Kandice Ausdemore, and Jourdan Eastling have

"Everything about my night was perfect: my date, the music, and the atmosphere" - senior Kurt Monix

The lights dim, the music blasts, and hundreds of Lowell students crowd the dance floor to start Winter Formal 09'.This year's dance brought a little change with it being the first dance in the field house. However, the "Snowflake Fantasy" theme was a huge success and a great time. Over 500 students bought tickets to make it the social event of the season. Winter Formal was the preparation and warm up for Prom. For many, this year's formal will never be forgotten as many unforgettable events happened.

Senior Kurt Monix said,"Everything about the night was perfect:my date, the music, and the atmosphere of the field house."

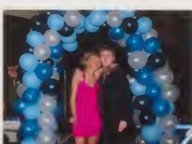
The dance was an amazing experience and was worth everything in the end. It seemed that everyone had a blast with their date. Junior, Kesli Blankenship said, "My favorite part of the night was dancing with my date, Evan." From the music to the dresses everything combined to make a magical evening!


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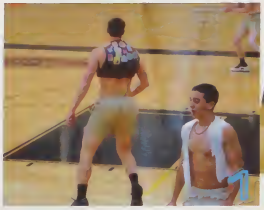

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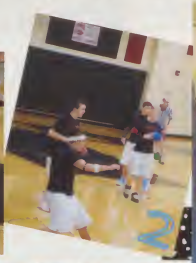

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a little fun right after the dance ends. 9) Natalie Symons(11), guest Kent Vinson, Stephanie Williams(12), and guest James Tidd enjoy a nice slow dance. 10) Josh Manis(12) attempts to do the "pancake". 11)Students have fun slow dancing with their Winter Formal dates. 12) A group of seniors get down on the dance floor.

Dodgeball





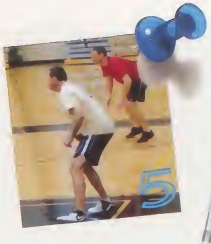




"Seeing Mr. Holdman knock Jordan down a few levels." -Nathan Cleveland (11) This year's annual dodgeball tournament was a huge success with over thirty teams competing and hundreds of spectators. The fight to win was played on the gym floor. The outfits were also a sight to see. From mullets, short shorts on guys, to impressions that looked just like coach Kennedy and Grandpa. The "Science Geeks" won the best outfit for the competition with outfits consisting of lab coats and glasses pieced together with tape. Junior Nathan Cleveland said his favorite part about watching the competition was "Seeing Mr. Holdman knock Jordan down a few levels." As the teams got to the championship "Organized Chaos and defending champs "Sik Wit It" were face to face. "Organized Chaos" came out with the victory after a furious and hard hitting game. The winning team consisted of Mr. Wong, Cody Midgett, Kurt Monix, James Perrin, and Brandon Grubbe. Senior Cody Midgett said, "Its about time the upper class won to put the underclassmen, Freshman, and Sik Wit It, in their place." The tournament was full of intense throwing and hitting but came out to be a huge school event.

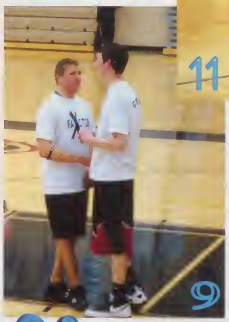
"Big Bad Boys"- Joe Bell (11)

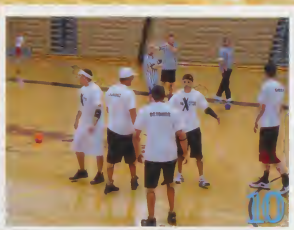
1) Getting intense. 2) Seniors Nick Schultz and Kyle Bottos representing the Mullet Militia. 3) The previous Dodgeball champs "Sik Wit It" defending their honor 4)Mr. Wong and Mr. Deal talking after an intense match.5) Mr. Weiand and Mr. Rakoczy in the zone. 6) The "Mullet Militia" in between games. 7)In the midst of battle. 8) The "Science Geeks" posing for a quick picture. 9) Bryan Desomer and Keith Greer talkin' some strategy. 10) The "X-Factor" celebrating a win. 11) Talking over the rules.

















Jobs

"It's a struggle to find my self a job, I hate it" -Steve Helmick (11)







1) Amanda Baker (11) and seniors Megan Rodenbucher and Maggie Rufo spend their extra hours working at the YMCA. 2) Sarah Plant (11), Dave Eastling (12), and Tiffany Hall (10) posing before a rush at McDonald's. 3) Helping an elderly man makes a McDonald's employee's day.

"It keeps the change jiggling in my pocket, that's all I work for", Corey Paquette (11)

Hard to find a job? You're not the only one, with so many students in Lowell High there are so little of us working. "It's a struggle to find my self a job, I hate it", says Junior Steve Helmick who is currently unemployed. But this "no job" epidemic hasn't spread all over Lowell High School.
For the students who have a job they think it's great. "It keeps the change jiggling in my pocket, that's all I work for", says Junior Corey Paquette who is currently employed at Italian Outpost. Everyone likes to get money and everyone needs some. Having a job benefits you in many ways. "It taught me life lessons that I needed", says Brant Williams who is currently employed at Lowell's Pizza House.

There have been some changes at the fast food places in Lowell, like the new image of Dairy Queen and the new McCafe at McDonald's. Even the new location for Italian Outpost, which should offer many jobs to students and residents in Lowell.



Reasons to get a job:
- Good experience for the future
-Your parents made you do it
-Money to buy a car
-Money for college
-Money for recreation
-MONEY, MONEY, MONEY in general!











4) Seniors Bryan DeSomer and Amber Bedell work at Loven' Oven on their free time. 5) Tom Moore (12) showing off the many stages of making a pizza at Faustino's. 6) Stephen Garton (11) washes the cars at Smith Ford, looks like he's taking a little break! 7) One last pose before the girls have to get back to work! Sarah Plant (11) and Tiffany Hall (10)



"Fashion is a form of art anyone can get away with."
- Sula Hitzeman

"Fashion is a way to express what you want the world to see you as. As you get older, you start to choose comfort over fashion." Mrs. Benecki

What is fashion? Wikipedia says that the terms "fashionable" and "unfashionable" are employed to describe whether someone or something fits in with the current or even not so current, popular mode of expression. The term "fashion" is frequently used in a positive sense, as a synonym for glamor, beauty and style. In this sense, fashions are a sort of communal art through which a culture examines its notions of beauty and goodness. Webster's dictionary says that Fashion is a prevailing custom or style of dress, etiquette, socializing, etc. Fashion at Lowell High School is much less what is in and what isn't, but a collaboration of patterns and styles that people use to truly express themselves. Your clothes are the very first thing someone sees so it's no wonder it is so important in our culture. "Fashion is a way to express what you want the world to see you as. As you get older, you start to choose comfort over fashion." Mrs. Benecki This winter, many familiar fashion trends were seen making a come back. Traditional sweaters were seen worn in modern cuts and shapes. Scarves this year left the outdoor scene and came inside. Indoor scarves were very popular in store windows, as well as around the necks of Red Devils.









Winter Fashion

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1) Ugg boots were super popular this winter, not only are they extremely fashionable but they keep your feet warm in the snow. 2) Dave Eastling (12) one of the tuxedo boys struts his stuff before prom. 3) Senior Nick Schultz gets his picture taken in the spirit of prom coming up. 4) Nathan Hess (12) takes a minute from class to get his picture taken also for prom. 5) Trevor Kersey (12) is ready for prom, and ready to save some money by wearing his tuxedo to school with the other guys. 6) Seniors Austin Davis and Arielle Kresich Strike a pose in their pea coats, a very popular trend at Lowell High School this year. 7)Tuxedo man Craig DuBord (12) shows some pre prom school spirit. 8)Kandice Ausdemore (12) is sophisticated yet fashionable as she strikes a pose for fashion. 9) Senior Caitlyn Fraser sports a fun scarf, an element of fashion that was very popular this year. 10) High hip belts were seen all over the halls, Ashlee Barton (12) shows one off here. 11)Evan Finley (9) wears a very trendy vest here, and she does it well.





"I love to stay up late!" -Mallory Swisher, sophomore

Winter break is always held in high esteem for Lowell High School students. It is always nice to have that break in the middle of the year in order to prepare for the final leg of the school year. Some students have planned vacations to exotic places in order to warm up in the winter, and some like to live vicariously from day to day in the exciting town of Lowell. There are two major holidays during winter break: Christmas and New Year's Eve. When asked what her favorite holiday is sophomore Mallory Swisher said, "I really enjoy New Year's because it is a time in which I can start anew and I also love to stay up late!"Senior Lauren Parker says that her favorite holiday is Christmas. "Christmas is great because I love giving presents away, and seeing people's faces light up once they open them. I am also a fan of Christmas dinner. I particularly love my mother's home made mashed potatoes and gravy. And of course the fluffy rolls!" All in all winter break always brings about many fun memories. Students usually use their well-deserved break wisely and come back to school with plenty of stories to share.



"Hawaii was super amazing!" -senior Nicki Thiel









Winter Break

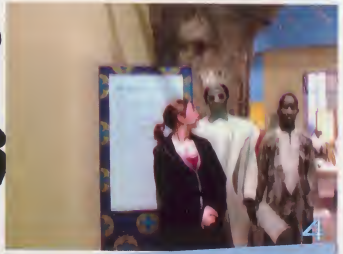












"My family is full of vampires so we don't celebrate Christmas. True story!" - senior Lindsey Sisk

1) Seniors Kandice Ausdemore, Olivia Mucha, Valerie Bank, and Erika Feitz play "Rock Band" on a chilly winter night. 2) Senior Jourdan Eastling relaxes while senior Courtney "Csta" Stahl paints her toenails. 3) Senior Mike Holloway is amazed by giant bison at the Field Museum in Chicago. 4) Senior Valerie Bank makes a new friend at the Field Museum. 5) Seniors Brandon Gifford, Adam McDonald, Deanna Arndt, and Brenna Geist pose on the basement steps. 6) Seniors Paige Iliff and Nicole Starcevich play in the snow. 7) Seniors Josh King and Brittany Stevens look too cute in front of a giant Christmas tree in Chicago. 8) Seniors Britney Stevens, Josh King, Adam McDonald, Danielle Gall, and junior Mal Lampa pose for the camera, 9) Seniors Kelly Koza, Megan Rodenbucher, Kaitlin Brauh, and Maggie Rufo take a quick picture on New Years.

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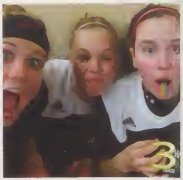
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Girls' Track

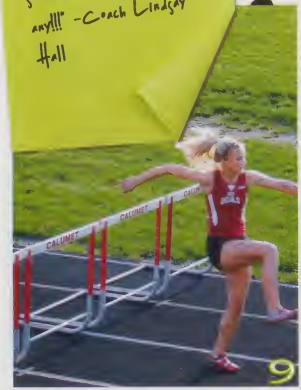








"Use your arms, because some people don't have any!!!" -Coach Lindsay Hall





1) Some of the track girls pose for a group picture at the Calumet Relays. 2) Senior Kim Partyka and sophomore Alli Kemling share a s'more at a bonfire! 3) Freshmen Anna Sacco, Aly Manchester, and Megan Gramhofer get crazy in the locker room! 4) Seniors Valerie Bank and Nicki Thiel hug sophomore Carissa Thiel because she is so pretty. 5) Hands in in the locker room. 6) The seniors get silly for the camera in the locker room after a successful meet. 7) Senior Courtney "Csta" Stahl throws that shotput at the Calumet Relays. 8) Sophomore Carissa Thiel has amazing discus form. 9) Junior Jordan Lump clears a hurtle gracefully at the Calumet Relays.







"That was easy" -Natasha Darcy, senior

On a warm day in May, the girls track team traveled north to take on Calumet in a meet that would surely be remembered. Two minutes and twenty-six seconds into the 800 meter run, German exchange student Natasha Darcy crossed the finish line, shattering the school record and becoming the first exchange student to hold a school record. "That was easy," Darcy calmly states just seconds after wowing the spectators. This has been the way of the girls track team this season, coolly running past their opponents and dominating the statistics charts.

This season, the team had younger girls that stepped up tremendously and will bring fear to their opponents' eyes in the future. Freshman Allison Manchester went all the way to state competition, and dominated the regional competition with a whopping 5'4" high jump. The regionally qualifying 4x800 meter relay team was almost exclusively underclassmen this year. It included sophomore Becca Gruhlke, freshmen Becca Goeders and Vanessa Sams, and senior Natasha Darcy. With all the young talent, this team will be able to be a dominating force in the region for many many years to come.



Allison Manchester

Most Improved



Natasha Darcy

Sportsmanship



Kimmy Partyka

L-Club Leadership



Anna Sacco



Erika Feitz

MVPs



Courtney Stahl



Nicki Thiel



Natasha Darcy

Scoreboard

Wheeler	53	98
Hobart	57	71
Hammond Morton	36	85
Griffith	36	96
Andrean	59	72
Rensselaer	40	92

Boys' Track



Co-MVP Field Events: David Weiand (12)

1)Dave Weiand (12) gets ready for his 100 hurdles 2)Brian Demario (12) poses quite handsomely for his picture 3)Kyle Pattee (11) running strongly 4)Alex VanRite (11) finishes the hurdle 5)Tyler Vanlieshout (9) showing off his distantce running skills 6)Brian DeMario (12) is so strongly throwing the disk.

Scoreboard

Teams	L	V
Rensselaer Central H.S.	109	23
Andrean H.S.	109	23
Hobart H.S.	70	62
Hammond Morton H.S.	91	33
Hobart H.S.	82	26
Rensselaer Central H.S.	71	61
Andrean H.S.	100	32
Wheeler H.S.	105	23
Hobart H.S.	67	65
Hobart H.S.	69	63
Hobart H.S.	84	69
Griffeth H.S.	115	16



Most Improved: Brian Demario (12)

"Nothing is better than running" -Zach Weirsma (12)



Co-MVP Field Events



Kurt Monix (12)



Cody Robinson (09)

J.V. Sportsmanship

"The team this year got along really well, everyone was always laughing and having a really good time." -Kurt Monix (12)

Boys' track is an intense sport consisting of many ups and downs. Running is a high endurance sport that takes a lot of patience and drive. Two particular runners on the boys track team exhibit these qualities very well. Seniors Matt Berkos and Kurt Monix reflect on their track experience this year. Monix (12) speaks about the morale of the team this year, "The team this year got along really well, everyone was always laughing and having a really good time." The boys track team is coached by Mr. Kilmer and Mr. Rakoczy. According to senior Matt Berkos, "Kilmer and Rakoczy are the best duo in Northwest Indiana." This year the team won conference and each member is very proud of that accomplishment. Dave Weiand, another senior on the team, reflects on the time spent on the LHS track team; "Every minute of it was worth my time. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life." Weiand's quote wholly epitomizes the boys track team. Track is a great experience and a way to have a lot of fun with your peers. Dave Weiand also had advice for the future track stars, "Work hard and listen to Mr. Rakoczy because he knows what he is doing." Overall this year's boys track season was a complete success.







MVP & MVP Sprints

Ray Skamay (11)



L-Club Leadership

Zach Weirsma (12)

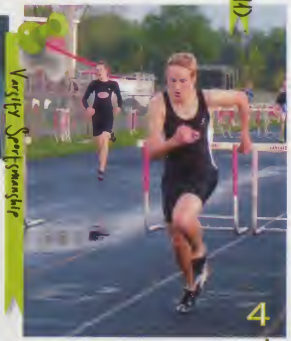


RBI Award

Tom Moore (12)



Matt Berkos (12)



Varsity Baseball



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"Have you seen my baseball?"
Evan Engweiler, junior


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Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Rensselaer	20	0
Hammond Morton	7	12
Griffith	0	10
Hebron	2	13
Valparaiso	2	4
Hebron	3	1
Highland	4	12
Gavit	3	0
Munster	14	9
Kankakee Valley	5	7
Griffith	0	5
Andrean	2	11


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"The guys on the team this year were the best to be around. Lots of talent and great people."

-Derek Brandenburg, senior

The 2009 Lowell Baseball Team was out to impress this season. While having a rather successful record, the team bonded well and had many fun memories that they will remember from this season. The season's highest point was undoubtedly when the team reached victory over Portage, who was ranked third in the area. This was an awesome achievement for Lowell's baseball team and certainly put them on the map.

This season also brought many players closer. Senior Derek Brandenburg agrees that "the 2008-2009 season was one of the best teams I've ever played on. Although we struggled, our team had lots of camaraderie." It was the first season that Coach Stoner was ejected from a game and the first year that the team held a "Hit-A-Thon" to raise money for the program. Just a couple events to make the season memorable! The players all agreed that it was a fun and enriching experience. "The guys on the team this year were the best to be around. Lots of talent and great people," added Brandenburg, (12). It is certain that great things are in store for this likable and fun loving team.



Matt Milcarek

Varsity Sportsmanship



Derek Brandenburg

L- Club Leadership



Craig Austgen

Most Valuable Teammate



Keith Greer

Co- Most Improved





1) The team huddles before the big game. 2) Craig Austgen (11) stands in ready position 3) Matt Milcarek (11) prepares at first base to make an out! 4) Coach Harker sits on his bucket preparing the next play. 5) Evan Enzwiler (11) stands at the plate. 6) Josh Delrio (11) throws the ball in from the outfield. 7) Brandon Grubbe (11) Pitching another one of his great games. 8) Craig Austgen (11) stands off second base.

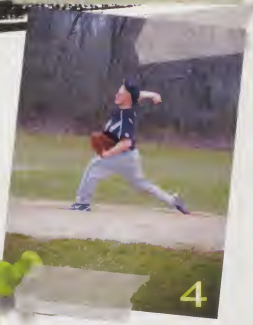
"We worked hard and had fun and I think that's all that really matters." -Adam Sunny (10)

This year's JV baseball team may not have been as successful as the hoped to be this season but that all agreed that it was by far a very fun year and a great learning experience. Sophomore JV baseball player Adam Sunny said, "We worked hard and had fun and I think that's all that really matters." The boys kept their spirits high and their attitudes positive and those qualities are what brought them together and got them through the season. Overall they enjoyed themselves and learned a lot that they will be able to use next year when the new season begins.


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James Szafranski (10)



Josh Henshilwood (10)

J.V. Sportsmanship

J.V. Sportsmanship

"Dominic makes baseball fun!!!"

-Jose Hernandez (10)

Scoreboard

Teams	A	H
Crown Point H.S.	14	2
Merrillville H.S.	8	8
Portage H.S.	8	8
North Newton H.S.	1	11
Highland H.S.	14	12
Hammond Gavit H.S.	2	0
Kankakee Valley H.S.	6	15
Hanover Central H.S.	2	8


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(1) Jose Hernandez (10) in left field setting up to make his catch. (2) The JV team in a group huddle. (3) Jordan Juarez (10) in ready position at shortstop. (4) Tyler Myers (10) in the middle of an outstanding pitch. (5) Josh Henshilwood (10) returning the ball after a warm up pitch. (6) Matthew Hilbrich (10) jumping out of the way from a misled ball.

JV Baseball

Freshman Baseball

Mr. Becker was probably my favorite coach everrr!!

-Freshman Jake Hayden



Jimmy Kennelly

Sportsmanship



1) The glorious Freshman baseball Team! From left to right, Back row: Kyle Jeffries, Alexander Harbrecht, Jake Hayden, Troy Stupeck, Adam DeValk. Middle Row: Tyler Hamm, Matt Fletecher, Jake Fox, Tyler Morache, Brandon Bullitt, Coach Becker. Front Row: Zachary Taylor, Jacob Auguano, Fritz Dorge, Jimmy Kennelly, Jason Wietbrock.

"We were like a band of brothers, working hard on and off the field" -Jimmy Kennelly, Freshman

On a cold and blistery day in April the eager freshman boy's baseball team began their journey to victory. Even though freshman teams don't compete in tournaments such as sectionals their hard work throughout the season is still needed. They want to make sure they pose a threat to surrounding teams and show them for years to come that they will be here to claim some victories! While they won and lost, "we were like a band of brothers, working hard on and off the field," said freshman Jimmy Kennelly. Even though next year these boys won't be freshmen look for them on JV and Varsity teams as they continue their baseball careers.

Scoreboard

Teams	A	H
Crown Point H.S.	11	1
Andrean H.S.	20	2
Kankakee Valley H.S.	11	0
Hobart H.S.	4	15
Highland H.S.	5	6
Boone Groove H.S	8	18
Valparaiso H.S.	7	6
Griffith H.S.	4	7
Hammond Morton H.S.	3	9
Hobart H.S.	3	5









Varsity Softball

1) The team meets before their game for a discussion. 2) Allstar senior Katherine Allert and Megan Bolanowski (11) talk strategy. 3) Lauren Wells (11) prepares to make an epic catch. 4) Nicole Sgouroudis (11) at bat. 5) Jackie Fletcher (11) unleashes the heat. 6) Team members congratulate each other on a successful play. 7) Amanda Underwood (11) anxiously awaits the ball.



Offensive Player



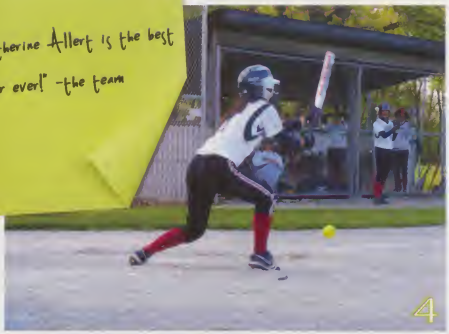
Nina Ioakimidis

L-Club Leadership



Katherine Allert

"Katherine Allert is the best senior ever!" -the team





"It has been a great experience and a lot of fun." -junior Hilary Nelson

This year's softball team was very successful. The team was also very young including only one senior, Katherine Allert. Katherine was one of the team's star players this year and helped bring the team to victory many times throughout the season. The girls worked very hard and became very close as their season came to an end. Hilary Nelson, a junior, describes their season as, "a great experience and a lot of fun." All of the girls said they developed great friendships and an overall sense of accomplishment this season, and they should definitely feel accomplished! The team made it all the way to the 4A State Finals. It was another successful season for the Lady Red Devils, as if we could expect anything else!

MVP



Lauren Wells

Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Chesterton	2	0
Merrillville	9	0
Valparaiso	9	0
Boone Grove	0	1
Andrean	2	0
Lake Central	2	0
South Central	5	0
Munster	3	2
Highland	10	0
Crown Point	0	3
Griffith	0	1
Hobart	2	1
Kankakee Valley	3	4

JV Softball

"I wish we would have done a little better with our record, but I had a blast this season."

-sophomore Cassie Karney



This year's season for JV girls' softball started out a bit rough, starting with their new coach, Mike Jonas. The girls did not have the best record but as a team they grew in strength. "I wish we would have done a little better with our record, but I had a blast this season." remarked sophomore Cassie Karney. I think the girls enjoyed becoming better friends and not only seeing one another at practices and games but outside of the diamond. When I asked Cassie to tell me about some of her favorite times she said that she loved going to "BW3's" as well as picking weeds with Nat and Olivia. Over all they had a pretty great season. As they improved individually they worked increasingly well as a team, and I'm sure will develop even more next year.



1) The JV Girls Softball team in a huddle after their game. 2) Pitcher Leah Fenner (9) winds up for her perfect pitch. 3) Cassie Karney (10) stands at bat. 4) First baseman Katie Gasparovic (9) fielding a ground ball.





Scoreboard

Chesterton	6	9
Merrillville	6	5
Valparaiso	1	4
Boone Grove	17	8
Andrean	4	6
Lake Central	4	11
South Central	9	6
Munster	2	10
Highland	6	10
Crown Point	5	10
Griffith	10	4
Hobart	10	9
Kankakee Valley	2	6

Girls' JV Tennis

Scoreboard		
Team	Us	Them
Munster	0	4
Merrillville	4	1
Lake Central	0	5
Andrean	5	0
Griffith	5	0
Highland	2	3
Hobart	4	1

"You all have the potential to be awesome varsity players." - Coach Deal

Junior Varsity Tennis is a stepping stone for Lowell tennis girls as they make their way to Varsity. Every year it is filled with tons of talent and an all around record to be proud of. This year was no different. "You all have the potential to be awesome varsity players," said Coach Deal. This is true. So as they improve they have fun along the way, like naming their doubles teams such as the infamous "Shemma" made of sophomores Shelbi Hardin and Emma Ensweiler. So watch out! Lowell's tennis team is coming and is going to claim a victory.



"I have a sundae bar!"
- Chelsea Lynch (10)







1) Kelly Jasinski (10) sits on the lawn awaiting her time to play. 2) Kandice Ausdemore (12) and Valarie Gasparovic (10) before their matches on Senior Night. 3) Freshman Chloe White, junior Alexy Steuer, and seniors Chelsea Gross and Kandice Ausdemore smiling for pictures at the first team meal. 4) Alex Steuer hitting the ball in a very intense match.

Girls' Varsity Tennis





Chloe White

Danielle Savich



Mallory Swisher and Amber DeYoung

"A hard work ethic, dedication, good mental strategy, confidence, good leadership, and having fun girls, is our recipe for success." -Coach Deal

Tennis is a strategy sport where many elements are combined to achieve success. "A hard work ethic, dedication, good mental strategy, confidence, good leadership, and having fun girls, is our recipe for success," said Coach Deal. This year was a completely new year with new captains, an assistant coach for the first time ever, and a brand new line up. Through their odds they came together. They fought long and hard on and off the courts during practice and matches. The tennis team is young filled only with 5 upperclassmen out of 23 girls. They ran long runs through downtown Lowell and quick sprints on their six courts. They ran 3.2 miles to be exact. Some might mistake them for the track team but the sport they truly love is tennis.

Though their record didn't match Munster's, it shows promise. With so much talent returning next year, they will with out a doubt be a threat. "Our only goal for next year's girls will be to win the sectional title, you deserve it and it's within our reach," said Coach Deal.

So we know the tennis team means business but they know how to have fun to. The season was filled with memorable quotes such as "Weast" courtesy of sophomore, Danielle Savich or delicious team meals. No one can forget this amazing season with these amazing girls, especially the seniors!

"Butts Down! Rackets Up! Now Slide Wit Deal! Check It Out And Slide Wit Deal!!"

-Coach Deal


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1) The team poses silly on senior night. 2) Chloe White (9) unleashes a crazy fast serve. 3) Danielle Savich (10) facing her opponent. 4) Valarie Gasparovic(10) gets a snap shot photo. 5) Seniors Kandice Ausdemore and Chelsea Gross tying bows in eachothers hair. 6) Co-leadership Seniors Chelsea Gross and Kandice Ausdemore pose for a picture in the back of the bus. 7) The team takes a picture before going into "Bdub's" for a delicious meal. 8) The seniors and there coaches take a photo on senior night 9) Natalie Johnson (10) shows no mercy. 10) Two doubles' pair Mallory Swisher (10) having fun at a team meal.


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Co-Leadership

Kandice Ausdemore and Chelsea Gross


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Scoreboard

Team Played	Us	Them
Munster	0	5
Merrillville	2	3
Lake Central	2	3
Andrean	4	1
Griffith	4	1
Highland	1	4
Hobart	2	3
Crown Point	1	4

Boys' Golf

"I will miss driving to the tournaments, matches, practices, and all the funny times with the team and coaches." -senior Chris Chavez

Our Lowell golf players simply play for the heart and love of the game. It is always stressful when they stand and wait for that white ball to go into that small cup. This year's team has accomplished much with its great team. Each player has made their own goals and made many memories throughout the season. Senior Chris Chavez said, "I will miss driving to the tournaments, matches, practices, and all the funny times with the team and coaches." All these good times carried the golf team to finish fifth at sectionals out of fourteen teams. This included senior, Steven Rankin finishing first amongst his team. Steven said, "I am going to miss all the laughs on the bus especially Chavo's laugh, ha ha." This year's great season will hopefully lead them to an even greater season next year. It can be said that the Lowell golf team knows a lot about team bonding and hard work.

Most Valuable / L-Club Leadership



Steven Rankin





Scoreboard

Team	Us	Them
Andrean	194	165
Merrillville	195	185
Griffith	193	220
Hobart	181	190
Kankakee Valley	196	199
Munster	190	173
Wheeler	195	205
Highland	199	209

Sportsmanship



Ryan Eller







Most Improved

Kyle Pratt











1) Steve Rankin (12) sets up to take a shot. 2) Coach Weiand talks with a couple of the golfers before a match. 3) Kyle Pratt (10) lines up his putt. 4) Chad Ulinowski (11) tees off. 5) Todd Norton (9) sinks a putt. 6) Trey Perfetti (10) tees off at Youche Country Club. 7) Chris Chavez (12) chips on the green at practice. 8) Coach Weiand and Coach Eller watch a match intently. 9) Nick Schultz (12) hits from out of the sand. 10) Ryan Eller (11) takes a beautiful shot.

Spring Clubs

"Being in a club has helped me learn to manage my time better" -senior Kandice Ausdemore

A large part of a student's high school experience is the extracurricular activities. Lowell High School offers a large number of clubs open to everyone. Ranging from French Club to Recycling Club to Dungeons and Dragons, there's something here for everyone. "Being in a club has helped me learn to manage my time better," says Kandice Ausdemore a senior. Clubs usually meet before and after school, forcing a member to have to manage their time between school work, their club commitment, and sometimes jobs. Something new this semester is Student Resource Time, or SRT, which was designed for all different clubs to be able to meet during the school day without taking away from class. With everything clubs have to offer, it is an excellent idea to become as involved as possible during your time here at LHS.









1) Senior Paige Iliff takes a moment to take a picture with one of her favorite teachers on the last day of school. 2) The Dungeons and Dragons club meets once again to play their favorite game and socialize with one another. 3) Senior Kimmy Partyka very carefully reviews her notes. 4) D&D members discussing their next move. 5) Steven Gamblin (11), Jon Heabel (12), Paige Iliff (12), Jeremy Kirk (11), Lee Steuer (11), and Alex Huber (11) taking a final group picture on the last day of school for FFA. 6) The seniors in the Shakespeare fest 2009 were a big hit! 7) Ries Plank (10) and Kurt Monix (12) get a snap shot. 8) D&D deep in concentration.

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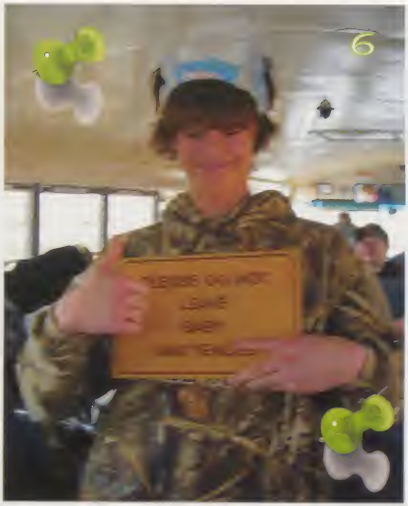
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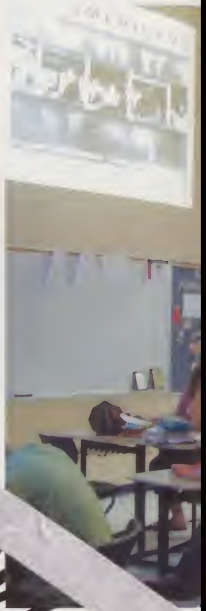




1) Jon Heabel (12), and Juniors, Steve Gamblin, Jeremy Kirk, Alex Huber, and Lee Steuer goofing around during FFA. 2) Senior Logan Wright shows off his FFA shirt during the hog roast this year! 3) Mr. Garling discusses some very important matters with the freshmen. 4) Seniors Mallory Pratt, Arielle Kresich, and Kelly Koza take a pic on the bus for choir. 5) Senior Paige Iliff and Junior Jeremy Kirk take a picture together! 6) T.J. Weberg (12) showing off his sense of humor on their way home. 7) Some seniors taking pictures in the parking lot. 8) Juniors Jeremy Kirk and Steve Gamblin joking around during a meeting. 9) Relaxing on the way home from their fieldtrip seniors Dave Steuer and Nicole Starcevich take a picture together. 10) Playing around on the way to Louisville, seniors Paige Iliff and Zach Starcevich get ready for the trip.

Spring Clubs









"It's Wiezin, not Octoberfest!" -Natasha Darcy, German exchange student

1) Mr. Deal's AP Literature class views Robert Frank photography. 2) Seniors Diana Neff and Austin Davis were emcees for the Shakespeare Fest. 3) The top 25% of the senior class pose at the Pride Banquet. 4) Seniors Jourdan Eastling and Courtney Stahl act out a scene from "Taming of the Shrew". 5) Senior Diana Neff leads a group in the "Single Ladies" parody for the Shakespeare Fest. 6) Madame Coulis and senior Lindsey Sisk have fun going over some tests.

Spring Academics



"I'm glad I have homework so I have something to do when I'm at home alone." -senior Nick Schulte





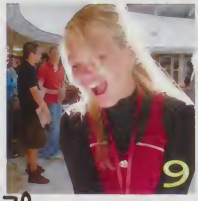




Spring Academics

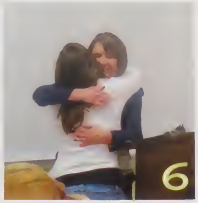
"Finals are the most fun I have all year" -Senior Jourdan Eastling

With Spring academics, most people face the hard challenge of staying on task. Being the end of the year its seems impossible to learn anymore, and everyone's mind is on the upcoming summer with all its endless possibilities. Even though finals are just ahead it is still hard to stay focused with the memories of the year's sports, spirit, friendships, and clubs. But students at Lowell push through it in hopes to ace their finals and continue to succeed in their academic professions. Senior, Jourdan Eastling says, "Finals are the most fun I have all year!" And she has the right attitude! So as our year and workload ends academically, it doesn't for everyone. Students who take Advanced Placement classes have assignments over the summer as well as the yearbook staff as they must finish the previous year's yearbook. Keep studying Lowell High School!















"I love chicken noooogats!!" - senior French exchange student Merie Caroline Serre

1) Sophomore Jeremey Pokropinski scampers onto the blockhouse roof to retrieve a wayward rocket from an experiment. 2) Senior special education student Nicole Cooper has a graduation ceremony in the auditorium. 3) The students of Mrs. Coulis' French IV class take a picture with the berets Mrs. Coulis bestows on graduates. 4) Students are pleased to have the pleasure of learning at Lowell High School. 5) Some unnamed seniors pulled a prank, filling the Little Theatre floor with balloons and streamers. 6) Senior Jourdan Eastling and Mrs. Coulis exchanged an emotional hug as Jourdan receives her gift from Mrs. Coulis. 7) Earth Space Science students set off rockets on a sunny day. 8) Senior Dan Vensel dresses up as Frankenstein for an AP Literature project. 9) Valarie Gasparovic (10) is so excited with the desserts at the Spanish Mercado!

Prom











"Everyone, put your hands in the middle for Prom 09!" - senior Josh Manis

1) This years senior prom court included Tim O'Brien, Hannah Runyon, Matt Berkos, Kim Partyka, Bev Stengel, and David Eastling. 2) Juniors Kesli Blankenship and Molly Kristoff are super excited for their first prom! 3) Senior Justin Juarez sweeps his date Katherine Allert, off her feet! 4) This year's Prom King Matt Berkos and Prom Queen Kim Partyka. 5) Seniors Diana Neff and Mike Holloway are caught up on stage doing the YMCA. 6) The hillbillies Logan Wright(12), David Steuer(12), Zach Starcevich(12), guest Nicole Woodrick, Josh Manis(12), and Lee Steuer(11) all match in their camo outfits.

"I think I should start wearing a crown more often!"- senior, Matt Berkos

Prom is always the main event of a high schooler's career. This year it landed on April 18, much earlier than we are accustomed to. Limos arrived at the Halls of St. George and young couples filtered out, while excitement permeated the air. The theme this year was Under the Stars. All attendees received cute little star keychains, that one could place Prom pictures in. The D.J. was not necessarily a crowd favorite, however everybody found a way to enjoy themselves. The couples danced the night away awaiting the announcement of the LHS Prom King and Queen 09' The time finally came and Kimmy Partyka and Matt Berkos were crowned King and Queen 09' "It was a surprise, but it really made the night even better." Kimmy said with a tear of joy a few minutes after being crowned. "I think I should start wearing a crown more often!" exclaimed Berkos with a smirk on his face. From dancing to YMCA atop of the stage, or parading around in a neon orange tux, Prom brought about many memories for us all to keep forever.













7) The Senior yearbook girls of 09'! 8) Juniors Brandon Lopez and his date Alex Steuer are having a great time at dinner! 9) Seniors Brandon Sams and David Eastling pull off the dumb and dumber look. 10) Everyone getting down on the dance floor. 11) Junior Nick Lenzo gives a thumbs up to how fun Prom 09'

"Right now I am starting up a little lawn mowing service and I hope that can last me through the summer." -junior Steve Helmick

It's getting warmer and summer is on its way. That means a frenzy of job searching is here! Everyone needs a job in the summer, because who would not want money to have some fun with? "Right now I am starting up a little lawn mowing service and I hope that can last me through the summer." says junior Steve Helmick.

For some people summer time is the time they find their job. "I already got my job set, I just can not wait for it to start," remarks junior, Kenny Merkel. This relates to many people as they are also waiting for their summer job. "I just hope I can get myself a job during the summer, any job," laughs junior Keven Hofsteadter. And that is a worry for most teens, but some just want to enjoy the summer without any work at all. Whatever you do during the summer have fun and enjoy!







1) Danielle Gall (12) and Lauren Pflum (12) working at KFC 2) Nicolette Sturgill (10) looks happy working at L.A. Tan. 3) Adamn McDonald (12) has his friends come in to support him on his first day at work. 4) Geena Bartolini (12) at work 5) Kandice Ausdemore (12) smiling bright showing off her people skills for the job.

Jobs



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"I wish I had a job!!"
- sophomore Valarie Gasparovic

Top 10 Teen Jobs!

1. Baby Sitting
2. Dog walking
3. Retail
4. Food Service
5. Camp Counselor
6. Resort Jobs
7. Landscaping / Yard Work
8. Government Jobs
9. Household Chores
10. Tutoring

"I have two things to say about fashion: I don't mind being smelly and Crocs are always appropriate." -senior Evan Grublke



1) Senior Kandice Ausdemore sports some cute straight leg pants and gladiator sandals. 2) Junior Lauren Fitzgerald models a popular trend this season, layering tanks. 3) Leg warmers were very "in" this season, Jamie Schiessle, pairs them with wild heels. 4) Senior Amanda Davila looks fresh in a floral print dress. 5) Senior Kimmy Partyka looks adorable in a multicolored tank. 6) Senior Valerie Bank looks very professional in a high-waisted skirt and striped blouse.





"Dolly Parton is definitely my fashion icon" -Heather Bafia, senior







Spring Fashion

"A good, tight tshirt is never out of place," -senior Rick Sheridan

Spring fashion is a thing to behold, pale bodies emerging from beneath thick sweaters and heavy scarves. Young people at Lowell High School blossom like newly emerging butterflies, transforming overnight into fashion forward icons. We students here at LHS pride ourselves on possessing decent fashion sense, including a wild side prone to adventurous fashion.

From leg warmers to gladiator sandals, spring brought with it new exciting trends. Gladiator sandals were by far the fan favorite, due to their comfort level and versatility. Senior Paige Iliff says about them, "They're so comfy and you can wear them with everything! I'm so happy they're fashionable!" Comfort is definitely a factor with students, who must endure grueling seven hour school days, usually in the freezing air-conditioning or blistering heat. "A good, tight tshirt is never out of place," says senior Rick Sheridan.

For the classier side of spring fashion, professional looks abounded in the halls. Students giving presentations in classes like speech and anything Mrs. Magley taught dressed up on a regular basis. High-waisted skirts were extremely popular among the ladies, paired with button up shirts or loose blouses. Even the boys decided to look decent this spring, sporting tighter-fitting button ups and sweaters.

All in all, spring fashion was upbeat this year, bringing spirit to the halls and classrooms of LHS. We congratulate our students on their good taste even in the face of the heat and other weather-related issues. Good job LHS, and keep up on your issues of GQ.

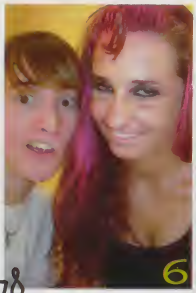
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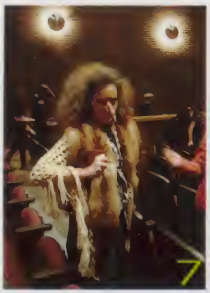

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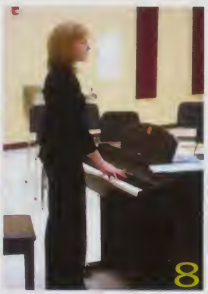

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"It's an incredible relief to end on such a high note" - Austin Davis, Senior

This year's spring production was the Broadway musical Little Women. Louisa May Alcott's classic novel brought to the stage. Little Women is a timeless story about four young sisters lives and all the obstacles they face together. The cast and crew had an incredible time preparing and putting on the show. From the call out meeting to the final bow, the show was a learning experience. "I was pretty nervous about this show. I had never seen Little Women and I wasn't sure what to expect", says Senior Austin Davis. "However, when all was said and done, I was truly honored that this was my final show. It's an incredible relief to end on such a high note."


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1) As a long theater tradition, thespians cast out their negative energy before a show to get some nerves out. 2) Grant Sheridan (10), and Matt Mihalich (10) working hard to build the set. Lowell's beautiful sets are designed and built entirely by the hands of Lowell students. 3) Front left: Kayla Cook (12), Austin Davis (12), Mallory Pratt (12) Top Left: Arielle Kresich (12), and Kelly Koza (12) strike a final pose ending the musical number "Five Forever" during the first act of the show. 4) A long time drama tradition, the annual ketchup chugging contest. 5) The beautiful set of Lowell HIgh School's "Little Women". The talented crew created a house complete with a living room, second level, and attic. 6) Lexie Itzak (11), and Olivia Mucha (12) goofing off before a show. Cute hair girl! 7) Lexie Itzak (11) who played a dirty old hag in this year's show, greeting her fans after a performance. Her look was created by a combination of Lowell hands and minds, but mostly by the over achieving one-woman costume crew Selena Vonbaber (11). Awesome job Selena. 8) Mrs. Keowan, who taught all the music and choreographed the entire production, warming up the cast before a performance. 9) Crystal "Marmee" Zawada (11), Mallory Pratt (12), and Kelly Koza (12) attacking and tickling to death Austin Davis (12) at a cast party after an extremely successful night of performing.

Battle of the Ba


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"Fun and enlightening." -Olivia Mucha (12)





This year the battle proved to be a success! A total of eight bands participated and each put on quite an amazing show. This year the battle was highly promoted including radio announcements on X Rock 103.9 and other sister radio stations. Senior Olivia Mucha set up the entire event and got the chance to go in the X Rock studio and guest appear on Night Rock in order to promote the Battle. Mucha describes her experience as "Fun and enlightening."

We had a guest judge this year; Night Rock John. He helped mc and judge the battle bringing a lot of life and fun. We also had a "crowd favorite" contest, in which fans of the bands would donate money to their favorite band in order to help them win the title of crowd favorite. Dramatic Visions won the title of crowd favorite. The results of the night were in third place: Fighter Planes, second: Dramatic Visions, and first: Athel formally known as The Breed. Overall the night went smoothly and everyone who attended or worked the battle had lots of fun.

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1) Senior Olivia Mucha and Night Rock John pose with winning band Athel whose members include Justin King, Comron Fuladi and Eric Minor. 2.) Bobby Flora, Tommy Moore, Zach Hardwick, and Bonny Macciaro all members of Internal Suicide pose together after their performance. 3) Tyler Jackson, Scott Stluka, Anthony Cirelli and Mike Besaw all members of Idol Your Dead rock out during one of their songs. 4) Joe Steffek sings along with his band Riding China. 5) Members of Controlled Chaos finish up their performance with an up beat song. 6) The fans rush the stage as they eagerly await the first performance. 7) The excited fans clap along with the band on stage. 8) Ray Skamay rocks out with his band, Riding China.

Band Line-up

Forever to be Apart
Internal Suicide
Idol Your Dead
Riding China
Athel
Fighter Planes
Controlled Chaos
Dramatic Visions

Band&Choir

"I fell hardcore at ISSMA, and it was the funniest thing all year!"
Lexie Ifzak(11)

This spring the Lowell Band Department, for the first time, hosted the ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) Organizational Contest. Taking place on April 17th and 18th, bands, orchestras, and choirs from all over the area traveled to our very own auditorium to perform. With much satisfaction the event went smoothly.

Not only hosting the event both bands, Lowell Wind Ensemble and the Lowell Symphonic Band, competed in the organizational. Both bands received golds from all eight judges! This makes the third year in a row that the Lowell Band and Guard Program has received the ISSMA All Music Award.

Following their spectacular achievements during the Organizational the Bands put on their spring-time concert. This concert not only included the Lowell Wind Ensemble and the Lowell Symphonic Band but also the Winter Drum-Line Ensemble. Performing their high impact piece "Bond Fades to Black" they set the bar high for the rest of the evening. When the 2008-2009 program came to a close, there was overwhelming excitement for the upcoming 2009-2010 program. "I couldn't be more proud of the accomplishments of the year. It has truly been the most successful year for the band and guard program in our history. We received a third straight All Music Award and qualified for the Semi State competition for the first time ever. I am truly amazed by my students," stated Band Director Mr. Killion

Spring time for choir also means ISSMA, but even more so, Showcase. The choirs, both Accents and Premier Distinction, traveled to Merrillville High School. Premier Distinction received a Gold in Singing and a Gold in Sight Reading. For those unfamiliar with the ISSMA Organizational Events, groups perform three prepared pieces along with performing a piece they are given at the event that they have not seen before. The Accents received a Silver in Singing and a Gold in Sight Reading, putting on a great performance and a great time doing it.

"I fell hardcore at ISSMA, and it was the funniest thing all year!" exclaimed Lexie.

"I love going to watch my friends at their band concert!"
- Stevie Schilling (10)

"Magic To Do" was the title of this year's showcase performance, with favorites from "Grease," "Wicked," "Rent," and other marvelous Broadway hits. It was an extremely fun night of great performances from all the Lowell choirs. Thus ending the '08-'09 year on high note.



1) Arielle Kresich (12), Mallory Pratt (12), and Kelly Koza (12) pose for the camera before a show. 2) A few kids wash the truck. 3) The band plays at an ISSMA concert. 4) KC Mooney (10) plays the clarinet. 5) Kelly Koza (12) and Austin Davis (12) take silly photos on the bus. 6) The LHS boys playing their drums at a concert.

"Singing brings out the best in us"

- Group of freshman girls







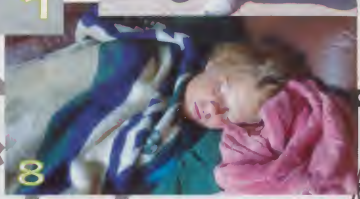




Spring Break


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"I had a blast! And I've never been this tan!"
-senior Heather Bafia

A clear, white beach. A luxury spa resort. A bumpin' nightclub packed with people. These are the images we all envision when we think those two magical words, "spring break". Too bad we live in Lowell, Indiana!

Despite the unfortunate inland placement of our hometown, spring break activities abound here in Lowell. From our numerous parks to the downtown shops, active students can find ways to fill their free time. Many athletes had practice over break. Senior Courtney "Csta" Stahl said, "I spent nearly all my spring break at track practice. It was worth it." Senior Erin Gavelek utilized her spring break by hosting a girls' soccer team reunion party. "I felt it was a good time to get all the girls back together. Our team was so close during season, we just didn't want it to be over," Gavelek says.

Some fortunate students went on vacation during break, those lucky dogs! The exchange students went to Florida, and senior Heather Bafia went to Mexico. "I had a blast! And I've never been this tan!" said Heather, as she returned to her paler counterparts back here in Indiana.

Even if you didn't go somewhere exotic on your break, at least you had a week without school. Everyone can enjoy that!

"I love Spring!"
-Senior Nicole Starcevich



1) Our foreign exchange students love America! They're kickin' it on a beach in Florida. 2) Senior Heather Bafia befriends an iguana on her spring break trip to Mexico. 3) Senior Erin Gavelek and her mom Kim feed their guests senior Katie Utley and junior Sumaiyah Ahmad at a girls' soccer team reunion party. 4) Nick wright (11) and seniors Nicole Starcevich, Dave Steuer, Jon Heabel, Paige Iliff, and Zach Starcevich enjoy their spring break by getting dirty in the mud. 5) Freshmen Katie Cavanaugh and Vanessa Sams and junior Jordan Lump know how to crack a joke. 6) Seniors Val Bank and Jourdan Eastling love their favorite junior Mal Lampa. 7) Freshman Ashley Pastczak and sophomore Carissa Thiel look chilly at a bonfire. 8) Senior Diana Neff knows the best way to spend spring break: sleeping!



"I love Spring because when it comes, it means that school's almost out!"
-Senior Paige Iliff





Graduation



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1) The Seniors say goodbye as they finally throw their hats up into the air! 2) Kandice Ausdemore and Emilee McInnis get ready to start off the graduation ceremony. 3) Some of the Senior boys and girls wait anxiously to finally graduate. 4) Lindsey Sisk, Val Bank, and Natasha Darcy are so excited that the end of High School is finally here. 5) The choir sings the song "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts as our goodbye song! 6) The Seniors waiting and listening to Mr. Richie announce the handing out of the diplomas. 7) Shane Wood, Austin Davis, Kelly Koza, and Mallory Pratt are part of the choir. 8) Some of the Senior boys get together for a group picture. 9) Brittanie Arnold, Ashley Kronsell, Nikki Rzonca, and Heather Bafia pose for a quick picture together. 10) Valedictorian Zach Wiersma gives his speech which brought many laughs. 11) Salutatorian Megan Mayhew gives her speech to the audience and fellow classmates.

"Now that graduation night is here, it seems to have passed very quickly," said our Salutatorian Megan Mayhew.

When we started our journey to graduation most of us were five years old and mystified by the world around us. Now as we graduate we are 18 years old, taller, smarter, and prepared to handle what the world may bring. Through our years together we have seen trials and tribulations but through everything we have been there for each other. We are Lowell's graduating class of 2009 and we are fine. "At times the four years of high school seemed to go on for so much longer, yet now that graduation night is here it seems to have passed very quickly," said our Salutatorian Megan Mayhew. I think if you ask anyone of the senior class, they would have to agree. We have dreaded the speed bumps and cursed our i.d.'s but in the end we wouldn't trade any of it because along with these things we have had senior pranks and tons of unforgettable memories like when Mrs. McQuiston set fire to her microwave.

"There is so much more to which I aspire, and I know all of you have great aspirations that you will one day accomplish. Work towards these goals and make the most out of life," said Valedictorian, Zach Weirsma. Now as we have walked across the stage, turned our tassels, and thrown our caps in the air we begin a new chapter in life. It's official, we have graduated; but our journey does not end here. From everyone who has ever supported us, their wish is that this life becomes all that we want it to be. Congratulations Lowell High School's graduating class of 2009. Today is only the beginning.









"Class of 09'!"









Chelsea Gross,

May your future be bright and life be good to you. Thank you for being in our life. Good luck and have fun at IU.
Love, Mom, Dad, Adriene, and Alyson.

Amanda Pagnusat,



Congratulations. You have made us proud to be your parents. Live your hopes and dreams. We know you will succeed at them.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Alexis.

Cody Midgett

Good Luck Cody!

Love, Dad, Mom
Cole & Cayla





Evan Munjas,

You grew up too fast! Good luck at school next year. We're proud of you and we love you.
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Tyler



Congratulations...
Our Greatest wish in life is for you to succeed...
Love Mom, Dad, Keena, and Sara

Alexis Renee Rangel

We will always be on your "Committee"
Love, Keena, Shorty, Bosco, Pudge and Wrigley



Matthew,

Life is short! you get one chance make the most of everyday and you will regret nothing. GO SPARTONS...

Love AL





Matt,

It was a happy day when you came into my life. You have continued to amaze me as your list of accomplishments grows. Every step you take, set goals, achieve them and step up to new ones. Your future is what you make it. The Matt Berkos Blvd. sign will hang proudly until you return. The best to you always.

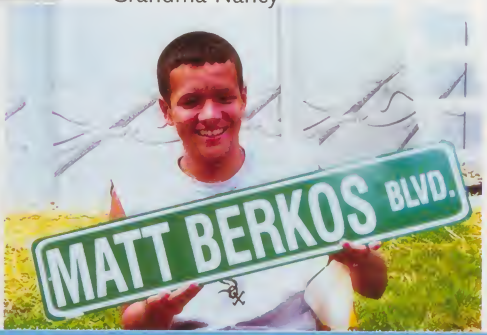
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Grandma Nancy

Matt, watching your games Grampa and I spoke of this day often, it's finally here. We are so proud. Keep playing hard, study harder!

Love you,

Mom



Jenna Berky



Jenna,
I'm proud of you,
little sis.
Enjoy BYU
Love, Jay

What a source of joy you are, Jenna!

Love you forever,
Mom and Dad



Evan Gruhlke





Congrats babe we are so proud of you! Now go after your dreams you can achieve anything if you set your mind to it.
Love Mom, Dad, Becca, and Maggie!

Baby Shea all grown up.

CONGRATS!





Ashley Grady, You've grown up to be such a beautiful young woman who always seemed to keep us laughing for 18 years! We are so proud of your hard work and determination it took to accomplish the goals you set for yourself this year. Hugs & kisses to you on your way to Purdue and many wishes for a very happy and successful future.

Love Mom and Dad





Kat Allert

Kat,

Parents give their children many important tools to be a productive part of society and hope their children use these tools. You, Katherine, continue to amaze your father and me by your tenacity to accomplish all hurtles that are placed in your way. You, our beautiful daughter, have taken the tools to build an amazing life.

We thank God for giving us you.
Love Always
Mom & Dad







Timothy Ryan Meyers



Nicole Renca



Precious baby girl-
May the days ahead be as happy and successful as the last four years have been. You will forever be my "Sunshine". Love you more then life.
-Momma bear & J



Paige Iliff







KaylaJo,

You have traveled a very long road and have over come many difficult obstacles, but you have persevered and finally reached your goal!

You have grown into a beautiful, strong, amazing young woman and we couldn't be prouder of you.

Now you can show the rest of the world what we already knew...

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, Josh, Jeremy, Michelle, & Addison







Kelly

Koza

BABY

CONGRATUALTIONS!

I am extremely proud of you. You have worked very hard these last four years. Now, you can take a breath and LET THE SHOW BEGIN!!

Zachary Paul Starcevich,

There once was a time when you were small, and our dreams for you were many. Now you are grown, and the possibilities are endless. We are proud of you! You are loved more then you know.

Love- Mom, Dad, Sarah & Matthew



T.J Weberg,

We sometimes wish you were still small-
Not yet so big, stong, and tall.
You fill our days with pure delight
from morning to night.
We are proud of you for all you have done-
We are truly blessed to have you as our son.
CONGRATULATIONS-WE LOVE YOU

-Mom and Dad





Denise Rolniak

Congratulations Denise Rolniak
Love Mom, Dad, and Nicole















Ashley Kronsell

Ashley Lucille Kronsell

"Bird"
You're at the starting line of the rest of your life as ready as you've ever been. Got the hunger and the stars in your eyes, the prize is your's to win!
"Go Yankees"
Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Rachel





Amy Harris



Amy Kay Shelly Bean
Love, Mom and Dad

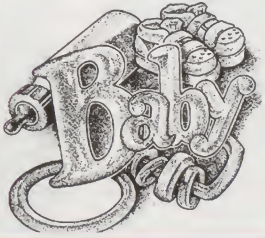
Courtney Stahl

We have always been so very proud of everything you have accomplished; by achieving your goals you have cleared the path for others to follow. We know you will realize all of your hopes and dreams.

Good luck at Trine University!



We Love You Muff,
Mom and Dad
(and Pepper too!)





Katie Newlin

We know you'll do great things Katie!

Love Mom, Dad, and Kristen



Where did the time go?Grade School, Middle School, High School- now off to college, Good Luck at Franklin and have fun! Follow your dreams and your heart and everything will follow! We are proud of you and LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!

Nick Shultz



David Michael Eastling



We want to wish you good luck in the future and we are so proud of you.
Love Mom and Dad





Bev Stengel



Bevie,
Your smile has always melted our hearts.You are such a blessing to Daddy and me.We are so very proud of the amazing young woman you have become. We pray for a lifetime of dreams come true for you. Congrats on your graduation.
We Love you so much
Momma, Daddy, Justin, Alyssa



Lauren Pflum

Lauren Ashley,
You have grown into such a beautiful young lady. Believe in yourself and you will accomplish anything you set your mind to. You are such a blessing to me and I'm so proud of you. Congratulations!
Love you,
Mom





As your journey ends another is about to begin. It's time to fulfill all your dreams and make them come true. Remember no dream is too big...follow your heart and your dreams will come true. Do not forget how proud we are of you, and always remember we will be here for you and Love You Very Much!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Michael, Grandma, and Grandpa







Heather Bafia

Craig DuBord





We are so proud of the man you have become, Craig. Thanks for the wonderful memories you have given us, may you give us many more. Follow your heart and pursue your dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Courtney

Annalise Garritano





We're proud of you, Annalise

You have accomplished much as an artist. We're looking forward to watching your creativity grow in the times ahead!

Love Mom, Dad, and Alexandria

Ryan Hartoonian

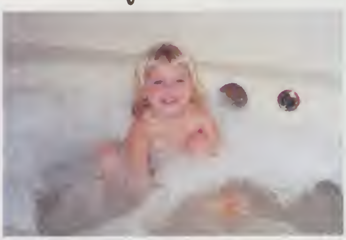
You did it, all your hard work paid off. You are an inspiration and a wonderful person. You make us proud, we love you.

Your family





Kaitlyn Braun



Kaitlyn,

We've been given the best gift...you! We wish for you nothing but health, happiness, and success. Don't loose that "free spirit" you have been given. We could never be more proud of you!

Megan Rodenucher



Megan,

"We hope your dreams take you...to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known."
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!
We love you very much and are so proud of you.

Liz Hall

Realize always that you are capable of reaching difficult goals and exceeding them, of dreaming wonderful dreams and making them come true, of achieving the only kind of success that really matters: That of being at peace with yourself and with the world around you. Now your moment has come. The world awaits, the future is yours. Our "Weasie Daisy" has bloomed into a beautiful, talented young woman. We are very proud of you and love you more than you could ever imagine.

Love, Mom and Dad







Kurt Monix



Congratulations on your accomplishment!!! You make us feel like the luckiest parents in the world! We are forever proud of you!

Love you-
Mom and Dad

Lauren Cap



Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Maggie Rufo



Keep that beautiful smile as you continue to spread your wings and reach your goals! We are very proud of our beautiful angel!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Bryan

Amber Rose "Our baby"



Sweet face! May blue, sunny skies follow you and your dreams always. Your sunny disposition and sweet, smiling face is embedded in our hearts forever. May God bless you and shine as brightly on your future as you have on our past We are so proud of you.

All of Our Love Forever, Mom, Dad, and Alissa

Zach Wiersma

You've been blessed with many gifts. Use them wisely. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jake





"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?"
Matthew 16:26a

Brittany Viers



We are so proud of you! You are the best thing that ever happened to us! Keep making us proud!
Love Mom & Dad

Erika Feitz









From Boomboo, to Smiley, to Lil' Feitz you have matured to the wonderful daughter you are today. Your family loves you and anticipates your wonderful life ahead.

Erin Gavelek

" I am the Master of My Fate, I am the Captain of My Soul"









You have worked so hard to make all your dreams come true. We are so proud of you. "Live Your Best Life"

Love,

Mom, Dad and Kyle

Samantha Thompson

It's been so exciting watching you grow up. You've brought such joy to our lives and made us so proud to have such a wonderful daughter, sister, grandaughter. Always be proud of yourself and follow your dreams! We love you very much! Mom, Dad, Tyler, Grandmas and Grandpas



Jordan Osburn





Congratulations Jordan.
We are so proud of you.
Good Luck in all you do.
Love: Mom, Dad, Taylor, Matthew & Madison



Maxmillian Savage

We love you Max!
Good luck!
Love Mom, Dad, Ben



Joesph Crigan

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Good luck in college and all that you do.

Love, Mom & Dad







Mom and I are very proud of you. We want you to know we love you very much, and we are always here for you. It seems like just yesterday we put you in that little pink dress to bring you home from the hospital and now you are in a graduation gown. No matter how old you are you'll always be our little girl. As one journey ends and another begins-Always remember that NO dream is too big. Follow your heart and we know your dreams will come true.

Love, Dad, Mom, Kassy, and Ximena

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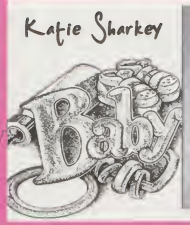
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We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you all of the best of luck in your future endeavors. Words can not describe how proud we are of you

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian, Jamie, Nick and Justin



Katie Sharkey





Mallory Pratt

Mallory,

We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smile, to the highest of your hope, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special place your heart has ever known.

So proud of you,
Love Mom, Dad, and Kyle



Kandice Ausdemore

Our Princess

Love Always
Mom, Dad, Kim, Bob, and Karen





Stephanie Williams

Stephanie, You are truly a wonderful person. We're so proud of you. Follow your dreams and dream big!

Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Dana, and G-Baby





Kyle Harber



Good luck, we are proud of you!
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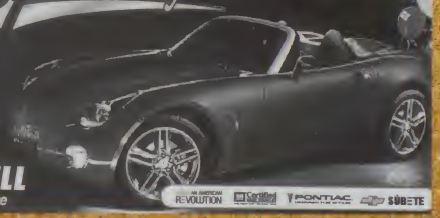
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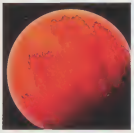


















2008-2009

WORLD YEARBOOK

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TIGER WOODS won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of a play-off. **BILL GATES**, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. **NASA**'s space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.







NEW ORLEANS RAPPER LIL WAYNE grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.



MIDWESTERN FLOODING caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.



A TENNESSEE REPEAT made Coach Pat Summit's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year; Candace Parker won back-to-back MVP honors.





OBAMA'S NOMINATION

made history when, on June 3, 2008, Barack Obama finally had what he needed — more than 2,118 delegates — to clinch the Democratic nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the United States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the right to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general election.







2008

JUNE





DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. **THE BOSTON CELTICS** won their 17th NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.



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"THE DARK KNIGHT,"

a sequel to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than $300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscar-winning chances and to surpass $1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.



TOUR DE FRANCE winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95th title by just 58 seconds.



PRESIDENT BUSH's noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.



STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES CLOSINGS of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.









VENUS WILLIAMS defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown.



THE JONAS BROTHERS had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-show tour.



JULY WILDFIRES threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather.



TAYLOR SWIFT was the biggest selling artist of 2008, selling more than four million albums. She also performed with Def Leppard in a CMT "Crossroads" episode.

TOP TEN FILMS OF 2008

1. **THE DARK KNIGHT**
2. **IRON MAN**
3. **HANCOCK**
4. **WALL-E**
5. **WANTED**
6. **SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2**
7. **STEP BROTHERS**
8. **MAMMA MIA!**
9. **INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL**
10. **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3**

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MORE BABIES joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France. In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.



TEMPLE'S SLAMPOETIC SLAM KILLS IT AT INJURIES MORE THAN 50

RUSSIA BOMBS GEORGIA



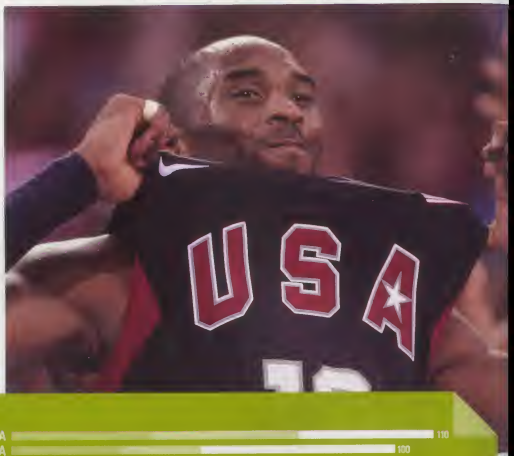
SOMALIAN PIRATES CAPTURE THREE SHIPS IN TWO DAYS

OPENING CEREMONY preparations of nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers.
BERNIE MAC'S DEATH saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor.

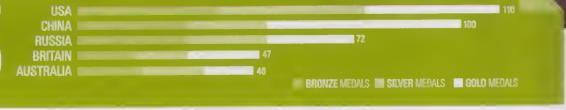




THE OLYMPICS meant national pride, athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds.



OLYMPIC MEDALS



ISRAEL RELEASES 184 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS



SARAH PALIN CHOSEN AS JOHN MCCAIN'S RUNNING MATE

SEPTEMBER



REPUBLICAN JOHN McCAIN accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years.



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ROGER FEDERER won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain.



U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze.

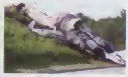


THE FASTEST MAN EVER. Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.

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NINTENDO WII FIT allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. **U.S. TROOPS** remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil.





TWILIGHT, the first in a series of romantic/vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.



WIND FARMS continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas, Iowa and California led production.



GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND continued their battle for virtual musicians; with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.





GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS were back in the news for the first time since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a $30 million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a series of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment businesses were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a $700 billion financial bailout package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financial institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidemic.



HACK TO BACK OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES EMMYS GOTO NBC'S 30 ROCK



DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE @BARACK OBAMA RAISED $150 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE MOST RAISED IN ONE MONTH.







WORLD SERIES RAIN DELAYS caused a two-day wait for the Philadelphia Phillies, who eventually won their first title since 1980, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in five games. **HURRICANE AFFECTS GAS PRICES** in the Southeast as shortages caused lines and lengthy waits for gas costing nearly $5 a gallon following Hurricane Ike which caused damage in oil fields, pipelines and coastal properties.





WORLD RECORD THRILLER

A GROUP OF LOS ANGELES ZOMBIES NAMED "THRILL THE WORLD LOS ANGELES" PERFORMED MICHAEL JACKSON'S "THRILLER" DANCE ROUTINE AT THE HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND CENTER ON SAT. OCT. 25, 2008 AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE LARGEST SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE; 55 CITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT



A LAS VEGAS JURY FINDS O.J. SIMPSON GUILTY OF 12 CHARGES, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING AND ARMED ROBBERY





AMERICAN SPACE TOURIST RICHARD GARRIOTT RETURNS TO EARTH AFTER SPENDING $30 MILLION TO TRAVEL TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION



POLLING DAY lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours.

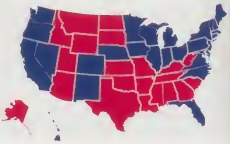
CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.



2008 ELECTION RESULTS

POPULAR VOTE
OBAMA - 66,882,230
McCAIN - 58,343,671

ELECTORAL COLLEGE
OBAMA 365
McCAIN 173
270 to win





JAPANESE MONKEY, KAT DHAN, MAKES NEWS AS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE AND ALSO WAITS TABLES AT HIS OWNER'S RESTAURANT



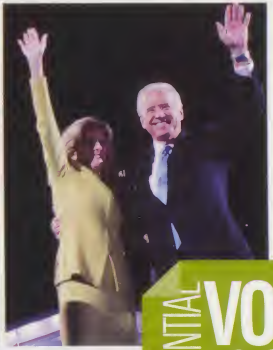
NOVEMBER

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCREASED ITS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPTURING AT LEAST SIX SENATE SEATS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND EXCEEDING THE 218 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE



VICTORY SPEECH

Flanked by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10), Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.







SHEPARD FAIREY's collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. **GLOBAL REACTION** generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.



IT ISN'T ALWAYS COMMODITY IS PROMOTED IT BECOMES BECOMING AMERICA'S FIRST FOUR STAR FEMALE GENERAL



IN THE MAKING GUNS 'N' ROSES RELEASES NEW ALBUM, "CHINESE DEMOCRACY"

INFLUENTIAL VOTING ISSUES

GAS PRICES **46.2%**
ECONOMY **37.5%**
ENVIRONMENT **30.1%**
EDUCATION **24.2%**
IRAQ **22.1%**
HEALTH CARE **20.5%**
TAXES **17.2%**

*TEENS AGES 12-19 [illegible] TRU STUDY: [illegible]

THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD EVER was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.



HILLARY CLINTON, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.



F-18 CRASHES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.



ROD BLAGOJEVICH, governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.



COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."

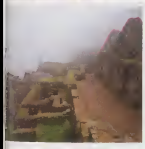




LEAN HOLIDAY SALES

reflected the struggling economy. A decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."







RUINS OF A CITY from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. **A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM** left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

2008
TOP iTUNES DOWNLOADS

TRACKS

1. LEONA LEWIS – BLEEDING LOVE
2. COLDPLAY – VIVA LA VIDA
3. FLO RIOA – LOW
4. KATY PERRY – I KISSED A GIRL
5. RIHANNA – DISTURBIA
6. LIL WAYNE – LOLLIPOP
7. JORDIN SPARKS – NO AIR
8. NATASHA BEDINGFIELD – POCKETFUL OF SUNSHINE
9. SARAH BAREILLES – LOVE SONG
10. RIHANNA – DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

ALBUMS

1. COLDPLAY – VIVA LA VIDA
2. JACK JOHNSON – SLEEP THROUGH THE STATIC
3. JUNO – SOUNDTRACK
4. LIL WAYNE – THA CARTER III
5. SARA BAREILLES – LITTLE VOICE
6. ONCE – SOUNDTRACK
7. JASON MRAZ – WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL
8. ONEREPUBLIC – DREAMING OUTLOUD
9. ACROSS THE UNIVERSE – SOUNDTRACK
10. LEONA LEWIS – SPIRIT



THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA FINDS THEONESTE BAGOSORA GUILTY OF GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES AND SENTENCES HIM TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

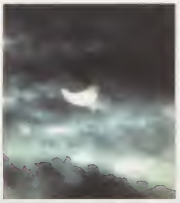
AUDIO PEOPLE IN HAITI WITH THEIR LIFE SAVINGS IN CASH TRAPPED BY FLOODS

THREE SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS CABLES BREAK, DISRUPTING INTERNET AND TELEPHONE TRANSMISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP. FORECASTS FIRST OPERATING LOSS IN 70 YEARS DUE TO AUTO INDUSTRY TROUBLES

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS won their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma. Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. **A SOLAR ECLIPSE**, the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.







"24" RETURNS TO FOX for a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The award-winning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.



THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC, played outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.



AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY was declared on Jan. 5, after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal





A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

allowed all 155 aboard US Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during a LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetliner over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers waited on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vessels.

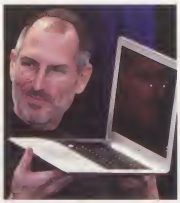


INDIANAPOLIS COLTS' TONY DUNGY RETIRES FROM COACHING FOOTBALL

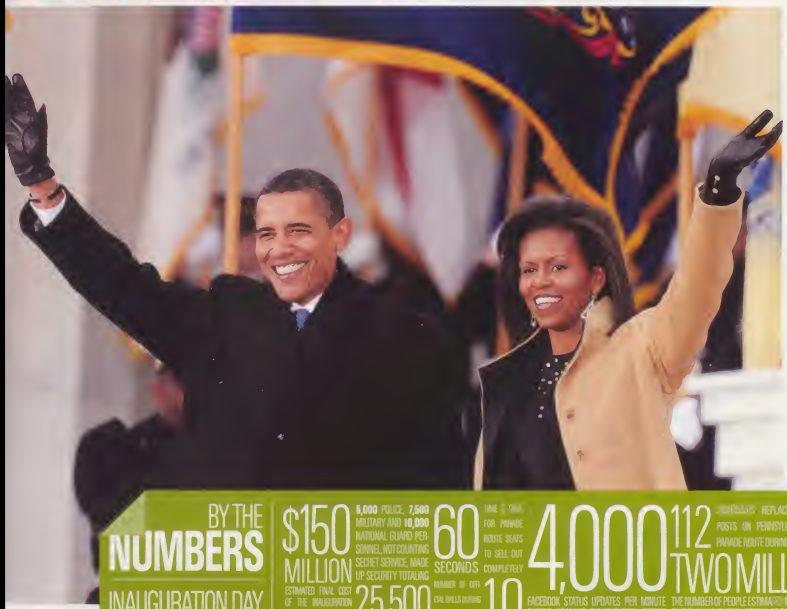
BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS INTEREST RATES TO 1.5%, ITS LOWEST IN 315 YEARS

2009
JANUARY





"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. **APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS** announced a leave of absence in January, citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.



BY THE NUMBERS
INAUGURATION DAY

$150 MILLION ESTIMATED FINAL COST OF THE INAUGURATION AND RELATED EVENTS

8,000 POLICE, **7,500** MILITARY AND **10,000** NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, NOT COUNTING SECRET SERVICE, MADE UP SECURITY TOTALING **25,500**

60 SECONDS TIME IT TOOK FOR PARADE ROUTE SEATS TO SELL OUT COMPLETELY

NUMBER OF CITY CIVIL DRILLS DURING THE INAUGURATION **10**

4,000 FACEBOOK STATUS UPDATES PER MINUTE DURING OBAMA'S INAUGURATION SPEECH

112 [illegible] REPLACED IN LAMP POSTS ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PARADE ROUTE DURING PREPARATION

TWO MILLION THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ESTIMATED IN ATTENDANCE OF THE INAUGURATION SPEECH OF BARACK OBAMA.





APPLE IS CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELEASE OF IT'S FIRST COMPUTER, THE APPLE 2E.

THE STEEL CURTAIN's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again gave Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by MVP Santonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that also included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remaining.

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH, a new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41st president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.



LAST EPISODE OF "THE LATE SHOW" with Conan O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June, O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.



LIFE ON MARS was considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.



BRITISH SINGER ADELE won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."





JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky.

FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE; with 150 million users, the business is worth more than $1billion.







KATE WINSLETT'S TWO GOLDEN GLOBES as supporting actress in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended her streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."



